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Arab women wear the niqab, a face-covering Islamic veil, as they shop in Souk Al-Hamediah, Damascus' oldest market, Syria, Monday, July 19, 2010. Syria has banned the face-covering Islamic veil from the country's universities. The Education Ministry's ban on the niqab comes as similar moves in Europe spark cries of discrimination against Muslims. An official at the ministry says the ban affects public and private universities and aims to protect Syria's secular identity.

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Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Aaron Cook talks with catcher Chris Iannetta, right, in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Sunday, July 18, 2010, in Cincinnati. Cook pitched seven scoreless innings and Iannetta hit a home run as Colorado won 1-0.

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Guard troops to head to border states Aug. 1

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Federal officials said Monday troops will head to the U.S.-Mexico border Aug. 1 for a yearlong deployment to keep a lookout for illegal border crossers and smugglers and help in criminal investigations.

The troops will be armed, but can use their weapons only to protect themselves, Gen. Craig McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau said at a Pentagon news conference. The troops will undergo initial training and be fully deployed along the nearly 2,000-mile southern border by September.

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Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin, left, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton, and National Guard Bureau Chief Gen. Craig McKinley, discuss a National Guard deployment to southwestern border states with Mexico, at the Pentagon in Washington Monday, July 19, 2010.

Tea party group on defensive over blog about NAACP

By BECKY BOHRER

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JUNEAU, Alaska—An official with the Tea Party Express on Monday blasted its expulsion from a national coalition over its refusal to oust a former chairman who satirized the NAACP in a controversial blog posting. The political action committee that raises money for Republican candidates was booted from the National Tea Party Federation for refusing to rebuke spokesman Mark Williams, whose posting referred to NAACP president Benjamin Jealous as “Tom’s nephew and NAACP head colored person.”

Tea Party Express coordinator Joe Wierzbicki said it was “arrogant and preposterous” for the federation to expel his group. “Circular firing squads of groups within the tea party movement attacking one



NAACP president Ben Jealous addresses the media during a news conference at the 101st annual NAACP convention Wednesday, July 14, 2010, in Kansas City, Mo.

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another accomplish nothing, and on this issue the Tea Party Federation is wrong,” he said in a statement.

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Indians and rescue workers gather at the site of an accident at Sainthia station, about 125 miles north of Calcutta, India, Monday, July 19, 2010. A speeding express train collided with a passenger train at the station in eastern India early Monday, mangling the carriages and killing scores of people, railway police said.

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In this March 30, 2010 file photo, Tea Party Express leader and conservative talk radio host Mark Williams addresses the crowd during a stop at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City.

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TEA PARTY

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The friction highlights fault lines within the loosely jointed tea party movement, which has no formal organization or bylaws. Internal squabbling could weaken its political clout, and it comes at a time when the NAACP and other have sought to discredit the movement.

The tea party — thousands of community groups that promote limited government,

free markets and other conservative and Libertarian principles — has resisted any notion of centralized control. Other Tea Party Express officials tried to distance the group from Williams but stopped short of expelling him.

Williams “may speak on behalf of us in some circumstances, in some situations, and we may agree on some things,” Tea Party Express Chairwoman Amy Kremer said during an

appearance in Anchorage to help U.S. Senate hopeful Joe Miller. “This is not one of the things that we agree upon.” Williams stepped down as chairman of the Tea Party Express about a month ago and remains listed on the group’s website as a spokesman. The voicemail on his cell phone was full Monday and not taking any more messages. In a blog posting Sunday, Williams said he was refusing media interviews because he did not want to further inflame the situation. He noted he had pulled his “inflammatory (and arguably over the top — just ask my wife) criticism of the NAACP.”

Kremer didn’t say whether Williams would continue as a spokesman. She said Tea Party Express does not condone racism.

In Idaho, the lone Democrat to win favor with the Tea Party Express rejected its endorsement, citing the blog about the NAACP.

U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick told the group in a letter he had no choice but to decline after it

refused to oust Williams.

Minnick, who represents Idaho’s 1st Congressional District, called the blog post “reprehensible.”

Christina Botteri, a founding member of the National Tea Party Federation, said the organization was “interested in moving the whole Mark Williams thing behind us,” to focus on fiscal responsibility, limited government and free markets.

Earlier, Tea Party Express coordinator Wierzbicki claimed the federation had “enabled and empowered the NAACP’s racist attacks on the tea party movement, and they should be ashamed of themselves.”

The NAACP approved a resolution last week calling on activists and others to “repudiate the racist element and activities” within the tea party movement.

Tea Party Express expects to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to help Miller take on U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski in next month’s GOP primary in Alaska.

The group also helped Sharron Angle overcome her long-shot status to win Nevada’s GOP primary. Angle is set to face Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in November.

Miller, a Fairbanks attorney making his first statewide run for public office, reported having about \$125,000 in campaign funding on hand as of June 30, compared to Murkowski’s nearly \$2.4 million. Miller also has the endorsement of Sarah Palin, whose political action committee has reportedly given Miller \$5,000.

The Tea Party Express and the federation have each faced criticism within the grass-roots movement.

Some local activists depict the Tea Party Express as little more than a front for a Republican-linked group to make money because its chief strategist is former Reagan White House aide and longtime GOP consultant Sal Russo. Others say the federation is trying to gain influence in a movement that has resisted formal leadership. □



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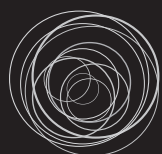
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GUARD TROOPS

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National Guard troops are civilians who train on weekends and one month during the summer. They can be mobilized for military duties or disaster relief.

The deployment announcement comes as drug-related violence has escalated in Mexico. Several people were killed over the weekend in a car bombing and in a separate massacre at a private party in Mexico. It also comes as the U.S. debate over illegal immigration has intensified in this election year.

"The border is more secure and more resourced than it has ever been, but there is more to be done," said Alan Bersin, commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, part of the Homeland Security Department.

The 1,200 troops will be distributed among four border states, with Arizona getting 524; Texas, 250; California, 224 and New Mexico, 72. Another 130 would be assigned to a national liaison office.

Bersin also said the Homeland Security Department will provide six more aircraft, including helicopters, to the border. He said at least 300 Customs and Border Protection agents and inspection officers would be sent to the Tucson area, along with mobile surveillance vans and additional technology.

"It will help," Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, said Monday in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he was attending the annual meeting of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. "Manpower clearly has been deficient. Technology has been somewhat deficient and they're bolstering that." But the governors of Texas and Arizona, both Republicans, complained last week that 1,200 troops are insufficient.

McKinley said even though the four border states are contributing 54,000 troops to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, they still have a sizable number of guard troops in the states for other deployments or disaster response. More can be deployed at state cost if governors wish, but the 1,200 are being paid for by the federal government, he said.

"Right now I cannot see a case where we would be overextending the National Guard for this effort," he said. As part of the effort, Immigration and Customs Enforcement is beefing up its presence in Arizona, said John Morton, the Homeland Security Department assistant secretary overseeing the agency.

Morton said ICE is opening a new office in Ajo, Arizona, to focus exclusively on cross-border crime and to deploy a specialized investigative team in Douglas, where an



In this June 19, 2008 file photo, U.S. Border Patrol agent Santos Flores walks in front of the old border fence, back left, where it meets a five mile section of new border fence at the border in Nogales, Ariz. President Barack Obama's plan to hire 1,000 more Border Patrol agents and other immigration officers could end up flooding the U.S.-Mexico border's already overwhelmed federal courts, a judiciary official said Friday, June 25, 2010.

Associated Press

Arizona rancher was murdered.

Also, the agency will send ICE lawyers to U.S. attorneys offices to help prosecute felons who illegally re-enter the country after deportation. It also will increase the number of ICE agents in Mexico to 40, making it ICE's largest office among 63 offices in 44 countries.

"We are placing a particular emphasis on the Tucson sector in Arizona, an area favored by smugglers and the principal point of illegal entry into the United States along the southwest border," Morton said. □



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Obama to GOP: Restore unemployment benefits now



President Barack Obama speaks about unemployment insurance and the economy in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Monday, July 19, 2010.

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By JULIE PACE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama took aim at Republican lawmakers Monday, accusing them of holding the public hostage to Washington politics by blocking extended unemployment benefits for millions of out of work Americans.

“It’s time to do what’s right, not for the next election, but for the middle class,” Obama said in a presidential jawboning statement in the Rose Garden Monday morning.

Lawmakers have battled for weeks over legislation extending unemployment benefits to workers who have been out of a job for long stretches of time. The last such extension expired at the end of May, leaving some 2.5 million people without benefits, with hundreds of thousands more losing benefits each week. The Senate is set to take up the measure again Tuesday, immediately after the swearing in of a replacement for the late Sen.

Robert Byrd. Filling that seat will give Democrats the 60 votes they need to block a Republican filibuster. Obama’s argument has become a familiar one, as Democrats try to use the Republican blockade of unemployment benefits as a wedge issue heading into the November midterm elections.

On Monday, he sought to cast his Republican opponents as hypocritical for having voted for extensions of unemployment benefits when his Republican predecessor, President George W. Bush, was in the White House, but not now. He accused Republican leaders of subscribing to what he called a misguided notion that providing unemployment aid to people lowers their incentive to look hard for a job. “That attitude, I think, reflects a lack of faith in the American people,” Obama said.

The president said that the out-of-work people he hears from are “not looking for a handout. They desperately want to work. Just right now, they can’t find a job.” “These are honest, decent, hardworking folks who have fallen on hard times through no fault of their

own.” The \$34 billion needed to extend benefits would be borrowed, adding to the nation’s mounting debt. Republicans have tapped into the public’s anger and concern over the national debt, saying they would support extending jobless benefits only if the bill was paid for.

“Everyone agrees on extending the additional unemployment insurance, but the Democrat way is to insist we add it to the national debt at the same time, while blocking Republican efforts to pass the same extension without the debt,” said Don Stewart, spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said extending unemployment benefits amounts to “emergency spending” that justifies higher deficits. Under GOP presidents, he told reporters, most Republican lawmakers agreed, but now they are insisting that extended benefits be paid for.

If the unemployment rate remains above 9 percent three months from now, Gibbs said, benefits may need to be extended again. □



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Gun permit allows quick access to Texas Capitol

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Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Everyone from lobbyists to lawyers and journalists are rushing to get permits to carry guns inside the Texas Capitol, where legislators already often tote pistols in their boots or purses or stow them inside their desks.

A unique loophole in a new security procedure means a gun permit is like a special-access pass into the domed building, allowing people who are certified to carry a gun to bypass lines at the metal detectors set up after a shooting incident earlier this year.

"Nobody wants to be the one standing in line behind three hundred kids wearing the same colored T-shirt," said University of Texas political scientist Jim Henson. "If you're trying to get in and out really quick and there's going to be choke points, well, people don't want to have to deal with that."

There's now a frenzy for folks to get trained and licensed to carry a firearm, especially before the legislative session begins in January. It's not required that people have a gun to enter the Capitol through the express lane. Merely holding a valid permit, and presenting it at the entrance, will get them expedited entry.

"Everybody is doing it or is planning to do it," said lobbyist Bill Miller, who has taken the required training and is waiting for his license to arrive in the mail.

The metal detectors were installed at the Capitol's four public entrances in May, a few months after a man fired off a few rounds outside the doors of the main entrance. No one was harmed.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is known to sometimes carry a .380 caliber pistol, vehemently objected to the metal detectors, saying he didn't want to see airport-like security logjams at a Capitol known for its open and freewheeling culture.

Texas law allows people to carry a weapon if they have a permit and as long as the gun is concealed. A separate lane for license-holders had to be created so gun-toters could enter without having to pull out their weapons — or

unconceal them — along with their wallets and keys.

Guns were previously allowed in the Capitol. With the arrival of the metal detectors, permit-holders now get their licenses scanned to make sure they are in good standing and their bags are put through an X-ray scanner.

It's all been great for business, said Mike Cox, who has become the go-to guy to train political insiders on getting their gun permits.

"There's been a burst of interest. They want to get that express tag to gain entrance to the Capitol," Cox said.

Cox has a shooting range just south of Austin, and lobbyists and others in the political in-crowd take his 10-hour class.

The students learned about nonviolent resolution techniques, listened to harrowing 911 calls and, to demonstrate the dangers of a firearm, horrifying videos are shown that include a graphic suicide and one in which a man accidentally kills his friend. They also have to pass a written test on the course material and then must undergo a background check, pay about \$260 or so in fees, and get fingerprinted. That lawmakers would take the trouble to install magnetometers and then allow weapons inside has drawn criticism from gun-control advocates, including the Brady Washington-based Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, which called the policy "ludicrous." Some tourists also were perplexed by the new procedures.

"Where's the security come from if you can still get in with a gun?" asked Canadian tourist Clyde Ducharme, who went through the metal detectors one recent morning.

Lobbyist Michelle Wittenburg, who recently received her gun permit and has been signing up her colleagues so they can do the same, said the security at the Capitol is still strong because permit-holders aren't the ones who would pose any threat.

"If you do have a (gun permit) then that shows you have gone through a background check and you've been vetted," Wittenburg said. "I don't think those are the people that are going to cause your problems in the Capitol." □



In this June 3, 2010, photo a sign for those with concealed handgun licensees (CHL) is seen as people pass through one of four new metal detectors at the Texas Capitol in Austin. A shooting incident in January outside the capitol prompted lawmakers to order metal detectors at public entrances and the creation of a separate lane for CHL holders to get through them. Capitol insiders are now signing up in droves for the course that will get them a license now known as the express pass

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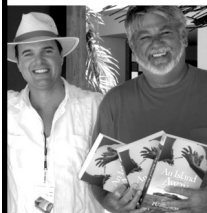
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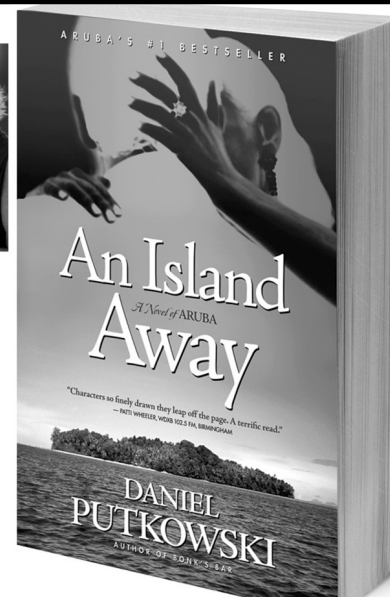
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61 killed as 2 trains crash in east India

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SAINTHIA, India (AP)

— The 22-year-old was asleep on the overnight train, headed to his distant job at a call center, when an enormous jolt awakened him and his coach flipped. He lay with his leg broken for five hours, crushed under the dead bodies of other passengers as he waited for help.

The powerful crash between two express trains at a station in eastern India early Monday morning killed 61 people and injured scores more. The force of the crash was so intense the roof of one car was thrust onto an overpass above the tracks.

Accidents are relatively common on India's sprawling rail network, which is one of the world's largest but lacks modern signaling and communication systems. Most crashes are blamed on poor maintenance and human error.

It was the second major train crash in West Bengal state in two months. On May 28, a passenger train derailed and was hit by an cargo train, killing 145 people. Authorities blamed sabotage by Maoist rebels for that crash.

Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee rushed to the site of Monday's crash and raised the possibility it was another case of sabotage. But there no immediate indication that rebels were to blame, and railway officials said the cause of the crash was unclear.

A handful of accidents in north India in January killed

at least a dozen people and were blamed on heavy winter fog that impaired visibility. Other fatal crashes happened when rickety rail bridges give way.

However, accidents as deadly as Monday's crash are rare.

It happened about 2 a.m. when the fast-moving Uttarbanga Express slammed into the Vananchal Express as it was leaving the platform at Sainthia station, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Calcutta.

Two passenger cars and a luggage car of the Vananchal Express were destroyed, leaving a tangle of twisted metal.

The passenger cars were reserved for those on the cheapest tickets and such carriages are usually packed to capacity.

Residents scrambled onto the crashed cars, searching for survivors. Hours later, rescue workers arrived, bringing heavy equipment to cut through the debris.

"I had fallen asleep and woke up when I felt an enormous jolt and then suddenly I felt my coach turning over," said the 22-year-old, Mithun Mahato, who was heading to his job in the eastern city of Ranchi.

"Three or four passengers fell on top of me and my right leg broke. I lay there crushed under dead bodies for a long time. At least three people sitting next to me in the coach died."

"I was trapped there in horrible pain until rescue workers with gas cutters cut into the coach and pulled



Local residents and rescue workers search for survivors at the site of a train accident at Sainthia station, about 125 miles north of Calcutta, India, Monday, July 19, 2010. A speeding express train collided with a passenger train at the station in eastern India early Monday, mangling the carriages and killing scores of people, railway police said.

me out." He was pulled out around 7 a.m., nearly five hours after the crash.

A passenger on the Vananchal Express, Mohammed Iris, 52, managed to crawl out of his coach an hour after it overturned.

"I was awake when the accident happened. Our train had been given the signal to move but it had barely started moving when I felt an enormous jolt and then I felt the coach turning over."

"Some 8-10 people fell on top of me and my left thumb was almost severed from my hand."

When he finally managed to crawl out, local residents pulled him to safety.

"When I crawled out it was only local people who helped me. They risked their lives to

pull me out of the train."

Both men, along with most other crash survivors, were being treated at a government hospital.

Rescuers recovered 61 bodies from the crash site and at least 125 other people were injured, said Surajit Kar Purkayastha, a top police official. The two drivers of the Uttarbanga Express were among the dead.

Rescue teams arrived about three hours after the accident, a local resident said. Before that locals scrambled to help survivors out of the trains and to pull out bodies.

"For many hours it was just the local residents helping and it was very difficult to help without any equipment," the unidentified man told NDTV television channel.

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Police official Humayun Kabir told NDTV, however, rescue workers reached the site within an hour of the crash.

Rescue operations were finished by late Monday evening, said Samir Goswami, a railway spokesman. Cranes and laborers were working to remove the mangled coaches so the tracks could be cleared and train services resumed.

The crash brought a hail of criticism against Banerjee and the ruling Congress Party, which appealed for patience as the government worked to determine the cause of the crash.

Senior railway officer Vivek Sahai told reporters that it was difficult to pinpoint who was responsible for the accident without an inquiry report. □

Iraqi cleric meets with PM candidate in Syria

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Anti-American Iraqi cleric Muqtada al-Sadr took a rare, public step into the political arena Monday, meeting in neighboring Syria with the man directly challenging Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for his office.

The talks between al-Sadr, who is nominally allied with al-Maliki, and former premier Ayad Allawi, who heads the heavily Sunni-backed Iraqiya coalition, appeared to be as much about showing al-Maliki that al-Sadr is keeping his options open as it was about any firm political agreement between the two men in the offing.

Al-Sadr rarely travels outside of his home base in Iran, where he lives in self-imposed exile. His followers won 39 seats in the 325-seat parliament in Iraq's national election in March, giving him considerable sway over

who becomes the next prime minister.

Following the ballot, al-Sadr joined a coalition with al-Maliki's list, but the deep-rooted hatred many in the Sadrist camp feel toward the prime minister — who's jailed thousands of their supporters — has stalled any further development of their alliance. In Damascus, al-Sadr and Allawi appeared complimentary of each other following their meeting — a shocking development considering the past animosity between the two and a clear signal in Iraq's rough-and-tumble political scene that all options are on the table when it comes to forming a new government.

One of al-Sadr's core political beliefs is his unwavering opposition to the presence of American troops in Iraq, and when Allawi was prime minister, al-Sadr viewed him as little more than a pawn of the Americans.



Former Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, left, meets with Muqtada al-Sadr, one of Iraq's most powerful Shiite political clerics, right, in Damascus, Syria, Monday, July 19, 2010. Allawi and al-Sadr are on a current visit to Syria to discuss the deadlocked government in Baghdad.

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New Zealand government drops mining plans

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand's government yielded to public pressure Tuesday to scrap a proposal that would have allowed mining in some of the country's most pristine landscapes.

The ruling National Party had sought to open 17,300 acres of conservation land to minerals exploration, arguing New Zealand needs to pursue new avenues of economic growth, but backed down following fierce public opposition.

The government received more than 39,000 submissions on the proposal, the overwhelming majority of which opposed changes in the law that would have removed some of New Zealand's most beautiful landscapes from existing protection.

One anti-mining protest march in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, attracted 40,000 people.

Resources minister Gerry Brownlee, who had pushed the mining proposal as one of the key policy planks of his first-term government, was forced to announce its withdrawal Tuesday. Brownlee said no land would now be removed from Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act, the article that provides the highest level of protection for conservation land.

Instead, conservation minister Kate Wilkinson said some 30,640 acres (12,400 hectares) of

land would be added to Schedule 4, bringing areas such as national parks and marine reserves under its permanent protection. All Schedule 4 lands were now untouchable, she said.

Brownlee said Tuesday's announcement showed the government was prepared to listen to the views of New Zealanders.

"Most of those submissions said we should not remove any land from Schedule 4. We heard that message loud and clear," he said.

Phil Goff, leader of the opposition Labour Party, called the defeated plan a "madcap scheme."

"New Zealanders did not want to see their pristine conservation estate in their national parks dug up for mines," Goff said. □



Allawi, who is Shiite but garners much of his support from Iraq's Sunni minority, was prime minister in 2004 when American forces battled Sadrist supporters in the streets and cemetery of the holy city of Najaf in a battle that only ended with a cease-fire brokered by Iraq's most revered Shiite figure, the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

But the two leaders' appeared to put aside their differences in the meeting that was arranged by the Syrian president. In pictures, the pair sat side by side, with Allawi in his business suit and al-Sadr in his flowing robes and black turban.

"The meeting was positive and fruitful," al-Sadr said. "The nicest thing I've found in the hearts of the Iraqiya block was their love for the Iraqi people."

Speaking at a separate press conference, Allawi said the two sides agreed on the need to "speed up forming the Iraqi government."

Whether or not the meeting will result in any solid political alliance between the former adversaries is unclear. But for al-Sadr, the meeting sends a clear signal to al-Maliki that their union is on shaky ground. Allawi, meanwhile, scored significant political points in making inroads with Shiite political parties.

Iraq is now in its fifth month without a government since the inconclusive March 7 elections. Allawi's Iraqiya

bloc won 91 seats compared to 89 for al-Maliki's coalition, but neither won the 163-seat majority necessary to govern.

As the political wrangling for allies draws out, insurgents have continued their deadly attacks in what appears to be an attempt to take advantage of the political vacuum to reignite sectarian tensions.

Insurgent attacks killed nine people across Iraq Monday.

In the day's worst violence, a car bomb exploded near a restaurant and coffee shop in Baqouba, a one-time insurgent stronghold about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. Six people were killed and another 26 wounded, police and hospital officials said.

Hours earlier, in the northern city of Mosul, a car bomb killed a British security contractor, the British Embassy said. The contractor's identity was not released, pending notification of his next of kin.

In Baghdad gunmen on a motorcycle killed Ali Mohammed Fakhir, a national judo champion, while in Fallujah, a member of a government-backed, anti-Qaida militia was killed after a bomb attached to his car exploded, police officials said.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. □

Syria bans full Islamic face veils at universities



Two Syrian women, left, wear the niqab, a face-covering Islamic veil, as they shop in Souk Al-Hamediah, Damascus' oldest market, Syria, Monday, July 19, 2010. Syria has banned the face-covering Islamic veil from the country's universities. The Education Ministry's ban on the niqab comes as similar moves in Europe spark cries of discrimination against Muslims. An official at the ministry says the ban affects public and private universities and aims to protect Syria's secular identity.

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U.S. deploys aircraft carrier to South Korea

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is sending the massive aircraft carrier USS George Washington to South Korea this week, the military announced Monday.

The deployment is considered a show of force in the aftermath of the sinking of a South Korean warship last March that killed 46 sailors. South Korea and an international team of investigators has blamed the attack on North Korea.

The carrier was expected to be in South Korea's port of Busan by Wednesday and could participate in an coming military exercise.

The nuclear-powered carrier, one of the world's largest warships, will be accompanied by the destroyers McCampbell, John S. McCain and Lassen.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton were expected to announce this week more details about the coming joint military exercise. Gates and Clinton were visiting Seoul to meet with their South Korean counterparts.

The military exercise and deployment of the George Washington has been under discussion since shortly after the March attack on the South Korean navy vessel, Cheonan.

The Cheonan's sinking was considered South Korea's worst military disaster since the Korean War, which ended in a cease-fire in 1953. No formal peace treaty was ever signed, and more than 28,000 U.S. troops remain stationed in the south with a vow to protect the critical U.S. ally.

Deployment of the aircraft carrier could be seen by North Korea as a particularly aggressive move by the United States because of the ship's sheer size. According to a Navy website, the George Washington is 244 feet high from keel to mast and can accommodate some 6,250 personnel. □



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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)

— Syria has forbidden the country's students and teachers from wearing the niqab — the full Islamic veil that reveals only a woman's eyes — taking aim at a garment many see as political.

The ban shows a rare point of agreement between Syria's secular, authoritarian government and the democracies of Europe: Both view the niqab as a potentially destabilizing threat.

"We have given directives to all universities to ban niqab-wearing women from registering," a government official in Damascus told The Associated Press on Monday.

The order affects both public



Anti-U.S. and pro-North Korea civic group members wearing a mask of U.S. President Barack Obama, top, and wearing South Korean military uniform, perform during an anti-U.S. rally demanding to recover the OPCON or operational control near the U.S. embassy in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, July 13, 2010. North Korea's military abruptly canceled a rare meeting Tuesday with the American-led U.N. Command that had been arranged to discuss the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on Pyongyang. U.S. President Barack Obama also announced that he and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak had agreed, at South Korea's request, to delay handing off wartime operational control of Korean forces on the Korean Peninsula from the U.S. to Korea until the second half of 2015. The signs read "Wartime operational control" on left, and "Alliance between the U.S. and South Korea" on right.

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and private universities and aims to protect Syria's secular identity, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue. Hundreds of primary school teachers who were wearing the niqab at government-run schools were transferred last month to administrative jobs, he added. The ban, issued Sunday by the Education Ministry, does not affect the hijab, or headscarf, which is far more common in Syria than the niqab's billowing black robes.

Syria is the latest in a string of nations from Europe to the Middle East to weigh in on the veil, perhaps the most visible symbol of conservative Islam. Veils have spread in other secular-leaning Arab countries, such as Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon, with Jordan's government trying to discourage them by playing up reports of robbers who wear veils as masks.

Turkey bans Muslim headscarves in universities, with many saying attempts to allow them in schools amount to an attack on modern Turkey's secular laws.

The issue has been debated across Europe, where France, Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands are considering banning the niqab on the grounds it is degrading to women.

Last week, France's lower house of parliament overwhelmingly approved a ban on both the niqab and the burqa, which covers even a woman's eyes, in an effort to define and protect French values — a move that angered many in the country's large Muslim community.

The measure goes before the Senate in September; its biggest hurdle could come when France's constitutional watchdog scrutinizes it later. A controversial 2004 law in France earlier prohibited Muslim headscarves and other "ostentatious" religious symbols in the classrooms of French primary and secondary public schools.

Opponents say such bans violate freedom of religion and personal choice, and will

stigmatize all Muslims.

In Damascus, a 19-year-old university student who would give only her first name, Duaa, said she hopes to continue wearing her niqab to classes when the next term begins in the fall, despite the ban.

Otherwise, she said, she will not be able to study.

"The niqab is a religious obligation," said the woman, who would not give her surname because she was uncomfortable speaking out against the ban. "I cannot go without it."

Nadia, a 44-year-old science teacher in Damascus who was reassigned last month because of her veil, said: "Wearing my niqab is a personal decision."

"It reflects my freedom," she said, also declining to give her full name.

In European countries, particularly France, the debate has turned on questions of how to integrate immigrants and balance a minority's rights with secular opinion that the garb is an affront to women.

But in the Middle East — particularly Syria and Egypt, where there have been efforts to ban the niqab in the dorms of public universities — experts say the issue underscores the gulf between the secular elite and largely impoverished lower classes who find solace in religion.

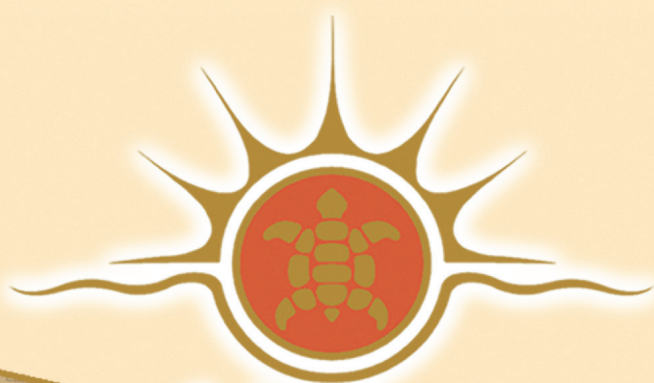
Some observers say the bans also stem in part from fear of dissent.

The niqab is not widespread in Syria, although it has become more common in recent years, a development that has not gone unnoticed by the authoritarian government.

"We are witnessing a rapid income gap growing in Syria — there is a wealthy ostentatious class of people who are making money and wearing European clothes," said Joshua Landis, an American professor and Syria expert who runs a blog called Syria Comment.

The lower classes are feeling the squeeze, he said.

"It's almost inevitable that there's going to be backlash. The worry is that it's going to find its expression in greater Islamic radicalism," Landis said. □



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Suriname ex-dictator Bouterse elected president

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PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — Former dictator Desi Bouterse was elected president by parliament Monday, following weeks of jostling by opponents who sought to stop a convicted drug trafficker and ex-strongman accused of killing political opponents from returning to power.

His eyes brimming with tears, Bouterse thanked supporters outside parliament after he secured 36 votes in support of his presidency, thanks to a small party's decision to back him in exchange for three Cabinet positions.

"I reach out my hand to everyone who feels that they are adversaries and ask them to leave the past behind so we can build this country together," Bouterse told the cheering, flag-waving crowd.

Suriname's president is not chosen directly by voters, but by legislators. A two-thirds majority in the 51-seat parliament is required to elect the president of Suriname, a South American country where the official language is Dutch but most people speak Sranan. Bouterse's Mega

Combination faction won 23 seats in May elections.

Some Surinamese who did not support the former military dictator's return to power said Bouterse will at least have the benefit of experience.

"Bouterse destroyed much in the past, so maybe it is right that he gets the chance to redeem himself and help build this country," said Rachel Bruinhart, 24.

Others watched in dismay as Bouterse's supporters celebrated.

Michael Charles, a government employee, was baffled by the ex-dictator's election and expressed concern over the country's future.

"We have gone totally mad in this country. I don't know how we managed to get Bouterse as our president," Charles said, shaking his head in disbelief.

Bouterse has wooed people with energetic speeches peppered with street slang that resonates with poor Surinamese, many of whom complain that economic reforms have not made a difference in their lives.

Bouterse is facing a long-delayed trial in Suriname for

his role in the slaying of 15 political opponents during his regime in 1982, and some see his candidacy for president as an effort to halt the trial and push for immunity from prosecution.

In 2007, the former military dictator offered his first public apology for the 1982 killings, saying he accepted political responsibility for the deaths but denied involvement.

Bouterse first seized control of Suriname in a coup in 1980, five years after it gained independence from the Netherlands. He stepped down under international pressure in 1987, then briefly seized power again in 1990.

In 1999 a Dutch court convicted him in absentia of trafficking cocaine to the Netherlands, but he has avoided an 11-year prison term because the two countries do not have an extradition treaty.

Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen said the Netherlands would restrict contacts with Bouterse to "functional necessities."

"We cannot sweep under the mat the fact that Bouterse has been sentenced to 11 years in the Netherlands for



drug trafficking," Verhagen said. "He is not welcome in the Netherlands unless it is to serve his prison sentence."

The Dutch Foreign Ministry said Bouterse enjoys immunity as a head of state for the duration of his presidency. "As a result, the sentence can only be served once he has left office and it is possible to arrest him," the ministry said in a statement. "The links between our

countries are special," Verhagen said, "because of our shared history and the countless personal relationships between Dutch and Surinamese citizens." Outgoing President Ronald Venetiaan, who recently said his party would not work with Bouterse's faction as long as the former dictator was in control, congratulated the new president's coalition on the win. □

Lindsay Lohan faces Paris Hilton treatment in jail



FILE - In this May 4, 2007 file photo from video provided by KCBS-TV in Los Angeles shows the interior of a typical jail cell at the Century Regional Detention Facility in the Los Angeles suburb of Lynwood, Calif.

By **DERRIK J. LANG**,
Entertainment Writer
LYNWOOD, Calif. — Inside a nondescript two-story building next to a busy freeway in an industrial neighborhood far removed from Hollywood is where Lindsay Lohan will likely spend several weeks as part of her punishment for violating her DUI probation. Lohan is slated to begin

(AP Photo/Pool, KCBS-TV)

her sentence Tuesday at the bleak, 16-year-old Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood, Calif., just south of downtown Los Angeles. The actress would be housed in the 2,200-bed facility's special needs unit, where she would live in isolation for her own safety.

Thanks to jail overcrowding and a state program that

credits inmates for good behavior, nonviolent female misdemeanor offenders such as Lohan typically serve only about 25 percent of their sentences, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore.

That means Lohan's 90-day sentence could be reduced to about three weeks and she could be out of jail in time for the premiere of "Machete," the action-thriller opening Sept. 3 that stars Lohan as a nun.

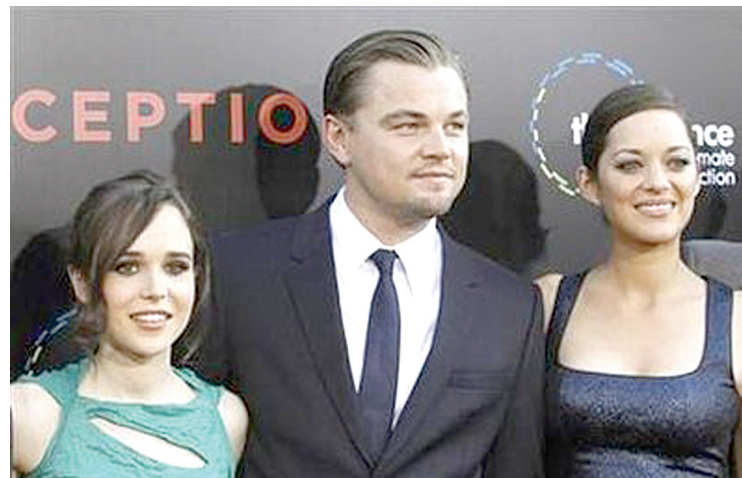
It won't be Lohan's first time inside the lockup, which has served as Los Angeles County's only all-female jail since 2006. The actress spent about 84 minutes there in

2007 for a drunken driving offense, reduced from her already trimmed daylong sentence because of the overpopulation issue. She was searched, fingerprinted and placed in a holding cell but allowed to keep wearing her street clothes. This time, with a much longer sentence, the 24-year-old "Mean Girls" and "Georgia Rule" star will most certainly have to trade her sparkly Pamela Roland jumpsuit — or whatever ensemble she decides to wear going in — for a jail-issued orange one. Lohan will also be asked to arrive empty-handed and must surrender any jewelry. Besides the jumpsuit, Lohan will also be

given a set of simple toiletries that all inmates receive: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, deodorant, shampoo and shaving implements. Paris Hilton received one for her own secluded 23-day stay in 2007 for reckless driving charges, according to Whitmore.

Like other inmates in the special-needs area, Lohan will be served her meals in her cell and will be allowed outside the 12-foot-by-8-foot space for at least an hour each day. With only a public pay phone at her disposal, the frequent micro-blogger will likely be silent on Twitter during her incarceration. Cell phones and computers aren't allowed inside. □

Oscar speculation underway for "Inception"



Cast member Leonardo DiCaprio poses with co-stars Marion Cotillard (R) and Ellen Page at the premiere of "Inception" at the Grauman's Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California July 13, 2010.

REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni

By **Gregg Kilday**

LOS ANGELES (Hollywood Reporter) — Can "Inception" safely dream of Oscar glory? That's one conundrum that will linger long after average moviegoers have stopped debating the ambiguities of Christopher Nolan's twisty new thrill ride into the subconscious.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences failed to reward Nolan's most recent movie, mega-grossing "The Dark Knight," with a best picture nomination, though it collected eight other nominations.

And though the producers, directors and writers guilds all nominated Nolan for that movie, the Academy didn't. To date, Nolan has earned only one Oscar nomination, for his original screenplay for

"Memento."

The resulting outcry from "Knight's" fans was so loud it influenced the decision last year to double the field to 10 nominees, with the Academy's then-president Sid Ganis acknowledging, "I would not be telling you the truth if I said the words 'Dark Knight' did not come up."

An "Inception" best picture nomination would be some compensation for the slight to "Knight," but with nominations still six months away, "Inception's" best picture prospects are a long way from a sure thing.

The Warner Bros. release cleared the first hurdle this weekend when it opened to a solid \$60.4 million in North America. Oscar nominees don't have to be box office blockbusters, but if Nolan's

fan base hadn't shown up en masse, that would have damaged the movie's chances.

Reviews have not been as ecstatic as those that greeted "Knight," which scored an 82 out of 100 at Metacritic.com. As of Sunday, "Inception" was rated 76. The movie did get a key endorsement from hometown reviewer Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times who praised it for "expertly blending the best of traditional and modern filmmaking. If you're searching for smart and nervy popular entertainment, this is what it looks like."

But Leah Rozen, writing at theWrap.com, offered a caveat, saying the movie "proves more engaging to the mind and eyes than to the heart." That could prove a potential stumbling block for Academy members, who vote as much with their hearts as with their heads.

Such other visionary movies as "2001," "Blade Runner" and "The Matrix" all failed to earn best picture nominations, though they picked up nominations in other categories.

On the other hand, it might be a good omen that Alfred Hitchcock's "Spellbound," his 1945 plunge into Freudian dream analysis and Dali-esque surrealism, earned best picture and director nominations. □

Zsa Zsa Gabor has successful surgery on broken hip



FILE - Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is shown Los Angeles, in an Aug. 15, 1986 file photo. Zsa Zsa Gabor is scheduled to have surgery Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2007 for 'severe infection in her legs,' her publicist said. Gabor's publicist says the 93-year-old actress has been rushed to a hospital Saturday July 17, 2010 after falling out of bed and breaking several bones. The actress is partially paralyzed from a 2002 car accident, which forced her to use a wheelchair. She also reportedly had a stroke in 2005.

(AP Photo/File)

LOS ANGELES — Her husband says Zsa Zsa Gabor underwent successful surgery Monday to replace the hip she broke over the weekend when she fell out of bed at her Bel-Air home. Prince Frederic von Anhalt says the 93-year-old actress was in surgery for 3 1/2 hours at Ronald Reagan UCLA medical center. In a telephone call, he said she was in recovery and he was waiting to see her.

He said her surgeon was happy with everything and there were no problems.

Publicist John Blanchette said Gabor was watching television Saturday night when she reached to answer the phone and tumbled to the floor.

The actress is partially paralyzed from a 2002 car accident, which required her to use a wheelchair. She also reportedly had a stroke in 2005. □

BUSINESS

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Stocks rebound as investors await earnings

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
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NEW YORK — Stocks rebounded Monday as investors bought selectively following the market's big slide last week.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 80 points after tumbling 261 on Friday. Broader indexes also gained. Trading was erratic after another bad report on housing sent stocks briefly lower. But as the day wore on, stocks picked up some momentum. However, many investors who are waiting for a flood of earnings reports later this week stayed out of the market. That left volume low and helped exaggerate some price moves.

The National Association of Home Builders said its confidence index sank to 14, its lowest level since March 2009. A reading below 50 indicates homebuilders have a negative view of the housing market.

The report was the latest in a series of disappointing housing numbers that began appearing after the government's home buyer tax credit expired at the end of April.

"I don't know that it surprised anybody," Mike Shea, managing partner in equity sales and trading at Direct Access Partners, said of the report. "At the end of the day, it doesn't drive the market down, but it keeps the market from rising."

Homebuilders' stocks fell on the news. D.R. Horton Inc., Toll Bros. Inc. and Lennar Corp. all fell.

Further readings on the housing market are due out later in the week. They too are expected to show the market is weak and that there are few signs that business will pick up anytime soon. Economists predict reports on housing starts, building permits and

sales of previously occupied homes will show declines for June.

The building permits data is likely to be particularly discouraging because it is used as a gauge for future construction. Investors have become more concerned with forecasts for the future rather than past reports, so anything that indicates weakness in the coming months and quarters is being met with disappointment.

Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial Group, said Monday's modest

gains were more about stocks stabilizing after Friday's sharp declines than any one particular driver such as earnings reports or economic indicators.

But the fact that the market recovered following the disappointing homebuilders news shows investors do have an appetite for stocks, especially since the recent losses left them cheaper, Sheldon said.

Investors are still waiting to see the hundreds of second-quarter earnings reports that companies will be releasing during the next few weeks. □



FILE - In this file photo made June 7, 2010, a Delta Airlines Inc. plane sits on the tarmac at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle. Delta Air Lines reversed a second-quarter loss with what it said Monday, July 19, is its largest quarterly profit in a decade thanks to strong passenger revenue.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File)

By HARRY R. WEBER,
AP Airlines Writer

Delta Air Lines Inc. reported its largest quarterly profit in a decade Monday but investors dumped its shares as sales didn't meet expectations and the carrier gave a cautious outlook amid economic uncertainty.

The world's largest airline said its second-quarter net income was \$467 million, or 55 cents per share. That reversed a year-ago loss of \$257 million, or 31 cents a share, when the airline industry was still reeling from the recession.

Delta's revenue rose 17 percent to \$8.17 billion from \$7 billion a year earlier. But that figure was below analysts' revenue estimate of \$8.25

billion and Chief Executive Richard Anderson described the revenue environment as "good, but not yet great."

Investors hoping for better sold the shares. Delta shares fell 86 cents, or 7.3 percent, to \$10.80 in midday trading.

Excluding one-time items, Delta's earnings came to 65 cents a share, above analysts' expectations of 63 cents per share.

Delta said it expects to be solidly profitable for the year. But it's reducing the size of its fleet by 20 aircraft next year on top of the 91 fewer it expects to have by the end of this year. And it doesn't expect to increase capacity much this year or in 2011, signs of a cautious approach with the



In this photo made July 16, 2010, traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. Stocks are set to bounce back modestly Monday, July 19, after a brutal close to the previous week.

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

Delta posts \$467M profit in 2nd quarter

strength of the U.S. economic recovery in question.

Another sign: Delta is hoarding its cash. Delta had \$6 billion in unrestricted liquidity, including \$4.4 billion in cash, as of June 30. The total figure is expected to grow to \$6.3 billion by the end of September. Delta is using some of the extra cash to pay down debt and improve its balance sheet, while continuing to rein in costs.

"Our focus is very much on driving efficiency," Anderson said.

The company isn't bulking up its employee rolls. The total number of full-time Delta employees fell 1.3 percent year-over-year to 81,916 at the end of June. Delta said it is in the process of hiring more airport customer service and reservations agents.

And there are other headwinds: Delta's expense for aircraft fuel and related taxes rose 8 percent in the second quarter to \$1.96 billion.

Still, the airline, based in Atlanta, is in much better shape than it was just a year ago. "The business is performing well and we still have significant

opportunity for improvement ahead," Anderson said during a conference call with analysts and reporters.

Delta expects to report double-digit year-over-year unit revenue gains for the September quarter.

Several major carriers are expected to post profits in the days ahead, but investors are wary about whether the industry can keep the momentum going. Continued fare sales are good for consumers, but not for investors who want airlines to charge more for tickets while remaining lean.

Analysts say that while airlines have raised ticket prices since the recession ended, they still have room to grow.

The parent of United Airlines will report its results on Tuesday, followed by US Airways Group Inc. and the parents of American Airlines and AirTran Airways on Wednesday and Continental Airlines Inc., Alaska Air Group Inc. and JetBlue Airways Corp. on Thursday. Southwest Airlines Co. reports its second-quarter results on July 29. □

SPORTS

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The This April 23, 2010, file photo shows Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41), of Germany, driving to the basket as San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan, left, defends during the third quarter of Game 3 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

Mavericks re-sign Dirk Nowitzki

DALLAS (AP) — Nine-time NBA All-Star Dirk Nowitzki of Germany has signed his new contract with the Dallas Mavericks.

The Mavericks announced the signing in a statement issued Monday. Team officials released no terms of the deal. However, a person familiar with the negotiations had told The Associated Press when the agreement was reached earlier this month that the deal is for more than \$80 million over four years, with a no-trade clause.

At 32, Nowitzki had opted out of the final year of his contract to become an unrestricted free agent for the first time, but he didn't talk seriously with any other teams.

The 12-year NBA veteran has averaged 22.9 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2.7 assists, one block and 36.7 minutes in 920 career games. In 97 playoff games, Nowitzki averages 25.5 points, 11 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.2 steals and 1 block per game. □

Lance Armstrong's lawyer: 'Stop leaks'

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AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong's attorney sent a letter to the federal prosecutor investigating the seven-time Tour de France winner and his associates for possible fraud and doping violations, complaining about leaks to the media.

Monday's letter from Tim Herman to Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Miller in Los Angeles says it's "especially unfair to subject Mr. Armstrong to this continuing media blitz when he is in the middle of his final Tour de France."

A copy of the letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

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Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong of the US, center, trains with his teammates on the rest day of the Tour de France cycling race in Morzine-Avoriaz, France, Monday, July 12, 2010. Armstrong lost precious time as he crashed and got distanced in Sunday's stage and now ranks 39th with more than 13 minutes delay.

Associated Press



Houston Dynamo's Lovel Palmer, (22) is picked up by teammate Bobby Boswell and is congratulated by Mike Chabala, right, after Palmer scored the first goal of the game against Chivas USA during their soccer match at Robertson Stadium Sunday, July 18, 2010, in Houston.

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Jesus Padilla headed in the equalizer in the 71st minute to give Chivas USA a 1-1 draw with the Houston Dynamo in a SuperLiga group match Sunday.

Lovel Palmer scored for Houston, which has four points in Group A. Puebla played later against fellow-Mexican team Pachuca with a chance to draw level with Houston atop the group with one game left.

Palmer scored in the sixth minute by controlling an attempted

SuperLiga

Houston draws 1-1 with Chivas USA

clearance and lofting the ball into the far side of the net from 14 meters (yards) out.

Padilla entered in the 24th for United States team member Jonathan Bornstein, who left with an injured right ankle after Andrew Hainault's hard tackle in the 18th.

MLS Roundup

Donovan gives Galaxy 2-1 win at United

WASHINGTON (AP) — Landon Donovan scored from a penalty in the second half to give the Los Angeles Galaxy a 2-1 win over D.C. United in Major League Soccer on Sunday.

It was Donovan's first goal since the World Cup, where he led the United States with three, including a penalty in its knockout-stage match against Ghana.

Edson Buddle, who also played for the U.S. in South Africa, opened the scoring in the 38th minute when he gathered his own rebound and scored from close range.

United equalized in the 54th minute when Andy Najar headed home Pablo Hernandez's cross.

Donovan was cheered before the game, but booed as he lined up to take the penalty in the 58th after Julius James hand balled.

The Galaxy lead the Western Conference with 39 points, nine ahead of Real Salt Lake. Los Angeles is also eight points ahead of Columbus in the East, though Los Angeles has played one more game than the other two. □



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NL Roundup

Cook wins on road, Rockies beat Reds 1-0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chris Iannetta homered off left-hander Travis Wood, who was coming off a nearly perfect performance, and Aaron Cook got a breakthrough win on the road in the Colorado Rockies' 1-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Two of the National League's top offenses had trouble on a hot, breezy afternoon.

Iannetta connected in the sixth, one of only three hits off Wood (0-1), the rookie who allowed only one hit over nine innings his last time out but got no decision.

Colorado salvaged the final game of the series behind Cook (4-5), who had been one of only four full-time NL starters without a road win this season. He'd been 0-5 away from Coors Field.

Cubs 11, Phillies 6

At Chicago, Roy Halladay hit Marlon Byrd twice and gave up two-run homers to Geovany Soto and Alfonso Soriano after each errant throw, sending Chicago over Philadelphia.

Byrd became the first Cubs player in 105 years to be hit by a pitch 16 times in a season and Chicago took advantage of a rare wild night for Halladay, winning three of four in its first series since the All-Star break.

Tom Gorzelanny (5-5) allowed three runs, two earned, and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. The left-hander walked five and struck out

five while improving to 3-0 with a 3.06 ERA in his past three starts.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 4

At San Diego, Chris Denorfia homered twice and had four hits, and Everth Cabrera tripled in the go-ahead run moments before being ejected for a tussle with Mark Reynolds, as San Diego beat Arizona. Both of Denorfia's home runs were solo shots, and his four hits matched a career high.

The win allowed the first-place Padres (54-37) to sweep Arizona and go 17 games over .500 for the first time this season. The Padres have won four straight and eight of 12.

Cabrera, who struck out his first two at-bats, tripled into the right-field corner off Edwin Jackson (6-8) in the sixth inning to score Denorfia and put San Diego ahead 4-3.

At Pittsburgh, Paul Maholm pitched a three-hitter for his second career shutout as Pittsburgh established a season high for hits for the second consecutive game. Maholm (6-7) faced only two batters above the minimum in needing 103 pitches to throw his first shutout since April 24, 2007, against Houston.

Garrett Jones hit a two-run shot, the Pirates' first multiple-run homer in five weeks, and Ronny Cedeno went 4 for 4 with three doubles. The Pirates had 19 hits a day after amassing

17.

Mets 4, Giants 3, 10 innings

At San Francisco, Ike Davis doubled home the go-ahead run in 10th inning after the Mets wasted a two-run lead in the ninth, as New York avoided a four-game sweep to San Francisco.

Travis Ishikawa's two-run, pinch-hit single tied the game in the ninth inning, but he was thrown out at the plate on an infield chopper as the potential winning run. Replays showed Ishikawa appeared to be safe as he slid into home.

Giants closer Brian Wilson (2-1) got two outs in the 10th before giving up Jason Bay's third single. Davis, who also drove in a run in the eighth, doubled high off the right field wall.

At St. Louis, Matt Holliday drove in the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning as St. Louis rallied from a four-run deficit to finish a four-game sweep of Los Angeles.

Allen Craig filled in for Albert Pujols, who got the day off for just the second time this season, and drove in three runs in the final two innings on his 26th birthday.

Jonathan Broxton (3-1) served up the pitch in the ninth inning that Holliday hit over Andre Ethier's head in right field, bringing home Jon Jay with the winning run.

At Atlanta, Brian McCann hit a grand slam and matched his career high with five



Colorado Rockies catcher Chris Iannetta is congratulated by manager Jim Tracy (4) after the Rockies defeated the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 in a baseball game, Sunday, July 18, 2010, in Cincinnati. Iannetta hit a home run for the games only run.

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RBI to help Atlanta beat Milwaukee end a rare two-game home losing streak. Matt Diaz drove in three runs with three hits, including a homer, and Derek Lowe (10-8) went 5 1-3 innings as the Braves took a split in the four-game series. Rickie Weeks had two homers and Fielder hit his second in as many days for Milwaukee, while Manny Parra (3-7) gave up 10 hits and 10 runs in only 5 1-3 innings.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0

At Miami, Alex Sanabia pitched into the sixth inning to earn his first major league win as four relievers helped Florida shut out Washington for the second game in a

row.

The Nationals went 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position for the second consecutive game.

Sanabia (1-1), making his second career start, allowed four hits in 5 1-3 innings and lowered his ERA to 2.12 in five games this season. Leo Nunez earned his 22nd save.

In other NL games it was Colorado 1, Cincinnati 0; Florida 1, Washington 0; Pittsburgh 9, Houston 0; Atlanta 11, Milwaukee 6; St. Louis 5, L.A. Dodgers 4; San Diego 6, Arizona 4; N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 3, 10 innings; Chicago Cubs 11, Philadelphia 6. □



In this April 6, 2010, file photo, New Jersey Devils left wing Ilya Kovalchuk (17) skates against the Atlanta Thrashers during the first period of an NHL hockey game at Philips Arena in Atlanta. NHL free agent shoppers won't find anyone on the open market to compare to LeBron James or Dwyane Wade. This year's class doesn't even stack up to the star quality of last year, but with players such as Ilya Kovalchuk, Sergei Gonchar and Evgeni Nabokov available to the highest bidder, there could be quite a bit of movement around the league.

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Kovalchuk staying with Devils

TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — Ilya Kovalchuk is staying with the New Jersey Devils.

Kovalchuk's agent and the team announced on Monday that the biggest prize of the NHL free agent market agreed to a new contract, ending weeks of speculation where the high-scoring left wing would play next season. Terms were not immediately available.

"This was a long arduous process that has taken frankly a little longer than I thought," agent Jay Grossman said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "But you know what, nothing is worth anything unless you work for it. I can tell you he is very happy to be with the New Jersey Devils."

The Los Angeles Kings, New York Islanders, Devils and SKA St. Petersburg of Russia's Kontinental

Hockey League talked with Kovalchuk since free agency started on July 1.

The final decision came down to the Kings and Devils. New Jersey will officially reintroduce Kovalchuk to New Jersey at a news conference on Tuesday.

Grossman refused to say that Kovalchuk decided to stay because he felt the Devils had a better chance to win the Stanley Cup.

"This was so far complex that I don't want to get into those questions," Grossman said. "Obviously his goal is to win the Stanley Cup. If he didn't think there was an opportunity to do that, then he would not have gone there."

Neither Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello nor star forward Zach Parise immediately returned telephonemessages seeking comment.

The team's only major loss during the offseason

was defenseman Paul Martin, who signed with the Atlantic Division-rival Pittsburgh Penguins.

The 27-year-old Kovalchuk was traded to the Devils by Atlanta in February after rejecting a 12-year, \$101 million extension offered by the Thrashers.

Kovalchuk had 41 goals and 44 assists last season while earning \$7.5 million, but he posted only 10 goals and 17 assists with the Devils.

When the trade with the Thrashers was completed, Lamoriello felt his team finally had the goal scorer it needed to make a run at a fourth Stanley Cup title since 1995.

It didn't work out that way. Kovalchuk had two goals in the postseason, but the Devils were eliminated by the Philadelphia Flyers in five games in the opening round. It was New Jersey's third straight exit in the first round. Kovalchuk has won only one playoff game in his NHL career.

The Devils have been very active since the playoffs ended. John MacLean was named the new coach, replacing Jacques Lemaire, who retired. The team reacquired veteran center Jason Arnott in a trade and signed defensemen Henrik Tallinder and Anton Volchenkov and goalie Johan Hedberg in free agency.

The first pick overall in the 2001 NHL draft, Kovalchuk has scored 338 career goals, the most by any player in the league in that period. He has only been to the playoffs only twice in eight NHL seasons.

Kovalchuk was acquired from the Thrashers along with defenseman Anssi Salmela for forward Niclas Bergfors, defenseman Johnny Oduya, prospect Patrice Cormier, a first-rounder and a swap of second-round picks. □



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WTA Tour: Serena Williams in doubt for U.S. Open

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

Serena Williams is in doubt for the U.S. Open because of her recent foot injury, according to the WTA Tour.

Williams cut her right foot on broken glass at a restaurant shortly after winning Wimbledon. The tour said last week she needed surgery and would miss three tournaments leading up to the Open.

On Monday, tour spokesman Andrew Walker said Williams is questionable for the final Grand Slam of the year. Williams' return to the Open has been widely anticipated because of her tumultuous

semifinal loss there last year, when she threw a tirade at a line judge at the end of a match against Kim Clijsters and was fined a record \$82,500.

Because of the injury, Williams is missing the entire World Team Tennis season with the Washington Kastles. Her team said she cut the bottom of her foot and needed stitches.

"Hey guys I'm doing better," Williams tweeted Monday. "Thanks for all the love."

On Sunday night she tweeted: "can't wait to get out of bed & back on the courts & do what i do best!"

Ranked No. 1, Williams won her fourth Wimbledon crown

and 13th major title July 3. The injury occurred shortly after in Europe and at first was not believed to be serious.

After hurting her foot, Williams played in an exhibition in Brussels on July 8 against Clijsters before a world-record tennis crowd of 35,681.

Williams attended a WTT match the next night in Glen Falls, New York and did not play but briefly discussed her injury with reporters. When asked how she was able to play against Clijsters, Williams said, "Those Belgian doctors and waffles."

Williams subsequently withdrew from upcoming



In this July 1, 2010, file photo, Serena Williams, of the United States, makes a backhand return shot to Petra Kvitova, of the Czech Republic, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England. The WTA Tour says Williams is questionable for the U.S. Open because of her recent foot injury. Williams cut her right foot on broken glass at a restaurant shortly after winning Wimbledon. The tour said last week she needed surgery and would miss three tournaments leading up to the Open.

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tournaments in Istanbul, After winning the Australian Cincinnati and Montreal. The Open at the end of January, last of those, at Montreal, Williams was sidelined begins Aug. 16, and the U.S. through April because of an Open starts Aug. 30. injured left knee. □

LANCE ARMSTRONG

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The letter also said Armstrong's attorneys talked to Miller about the leaks less than two weeks ago and are "extremely frustrated that these leaks have intensified." An e-mail message left for Miller was not immediately returned Monday.

Armstrong has denied allegations of doping.

The investigation was spurred by accusations from Floyd Landis, one of Armstrong's former teammates on the US Postal team, in a series of e-mails sent to cycling and doping officials this spring.

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping, said the use of banned substances was common on the team. Armstrong has denied those allegations and has questioned Landis' credibility.

The New York Times reported that authorities have issued grand jury subpoenas. According to the New York Daily News, one of those went to American cyclist Greg LeMond, a three-time Tour winner who has feuded with Armstrong for several years.

"This appears to be a full-blown and largely unmonitored exploration of Floyd Landis' patently unreliable and routinely changing accusations of possible improper conduct in the professional cycling industry at large," Herman wrote.

"In fact, the 'investigation' has recently erupted into a



In this Nov. 7, 2009, file photo, Floyd Landis of the United States talks to the public after stage 9 of the PowerNet Cycle Tour of Southland, Lumsden, New Zealand. Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping, said the use of banned substances was common on the US Postal team when he rode with seven-time Tour winner Lance Armstrong and Hincapie on the squad.

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forum for disgruntled Lance haters to bash Armstrong and try to settle old scores."

The letter notes that after seeing some of the leaks in the media, Herman requested a meeting with Miller but that the prosecutor refused to discuss investigation theories or general topics.

"It is egregiously unfair and

frustrating for New York reporters to have far more knowledge about this matter than Mr. Armstrong or his attorney," Herman wrote.

Armstrong was in 31st place Monday in what he has said will be his last Tour de France, 40 minutes, 31 seconds behind leader Alberto Contador of Spain. □

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Chain, and gloves, off in Tour de France showdown

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer

BAGNERES-DE-LUCHON, France (AP) — Now, the gloves are off at the Tour de France.

A furious Andy Schleck of Luxembourg lost the yellow jersey after his chain derailed during a tough climb Monday in the Pyrenees — and defending champion Alberto Contador unabashedly sped ahead to take the race lead.

“He can be nervous for the next days ... this gives me anger,” said Schleck, vowing revenge. “I’m not the one who will get chased any more, I’m the one who chases. That’s a big difference.”

The standoff came on a day when France’s Thomas Voeckler led a bold solo breakaway to win the 15th stage from Pamiers to Bagneres-de-Luchon, a 116.5-mile trek covering the merciless Port de Bales climb.

Contador, who also gained time on Schleck on a speedy downhill to the finish, crossed 2 minutes, 50 seconds back in seventh, while Schleck came in 12th — 3:29 behind the Frenchman.

The Spanish two-time champ now has a minuscule 8-second lead over Schleck after more than two weeks and 1,800 miles of racing. Spain’s Samuel Sanchez is third, 2 minutes back.

With Schleck only 31 seconds ahead going into Monday’s stage and big Pyrenean climbs ahead promising a shakeout, tensions were almost certain to escalate. The two self-avowed friends had spent one calmer day in this Tour discussing a recent vacation



New overall leader Alberto Contador of Spain, center, looks back to see how much he distanced overall leader Andy Schleck as he climbs with Samuel Sanchez of Spain, left, and Denis Menchov of Russia, right, towards Port de Bales pass during the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 116.5 miles with start in Pamiers and finish in Bagneres-de-Luchon, Pyrenees region, France, Monday, July 19, 2010. Schleck had a mechanical problem and lost his yellow jersey to Contador.

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getaway they had together. The friendship is now apparently on hold.

“We’re only here in a bike race, so let’s leave it that way,” Schleck said after a long pause, when asked if he and Contador were still friends. “I think everybody can make his opinion about the race today.”

The episode pointed to the often-unclear etiquette of cycling’s greatest race, where the yellow jersey bearer is conferred almost queen-bee respect — and taking advantage of his uncontrollable mishaps is often a no-no.

Schleck hit the accelerator

in an attack less than 4 kilometers from the top of the Port de Bales, but his chain came unfurled. For a few seconds he pedaled with no response from his bike — then stalled. He had to stop on the roadside and fumble with his chain as Contador and others sped by.

By the finish, Schleck swatted back reporters and gritted his teeth in anger. Contador said such woes are part of the sport, and insisted he didn’t know about his rival’s troubles right away.

“Those are the circumstances of the race,” he said. “I knew there would be a debate after that, but I attacked before I

knew he had a problem with his chain, and I was already ahead when I knew it.”

“I understand he’s disappointed.”

He wasn’t alone. Nearly as many boos and whistles as cheers rang out among fans at the awards ceremony after the stage, when Contador lifted a bouquet after donning the coveted yellow shirt for the first time this year.

“I’m not going to cry over the yellow jersey,” Schleck said.

Lance Armstrong knows about the unwritten race rules — and two instances in the Pyrenees stand out during his seven-year reign of domination at the Tour.

In 2001, he slowed down after top rival Jan Ullrich crashed on a fast descent from the Peyresourde pass. Two years later, the German and other riders waited for Armstrong after a fan’s outstretched handbag snagged his handlebars — hurtling him to the asphalt on the ascent to Luz-Ardiden. One difference: Armstrong ended up winning both of those stages.

Schleck himself benefited from Contador’s sense of fair play earlier this Tour. In Stage 2 into Spa on July 5, the Spaniard waited when Schleck went down in one of an array of crashes on rain-slickened roads.

“Alberto was one of the guys who waited for me in Spa, so that was really ‘chapeau’ (hat’s off),” said Schleck. “Today was a different story, a different scenario.”

As the July 25 finish on the Champs-Elysees in Paris looms, the competition and nerves in the pack are heating up — but sportsmanship should still take precedence,

Schleck said.

“Today, you know, everybody is in panic, they see already the Eiffel Tower. I would not have taken advantage of the situation,” he said. “It’s not up to me ... but for sure these guys don’t get the fair play prize today.”

“I wouldn’t want to take the jersey like that.”

Armstrong said Monday’s case wasn’t so clear cut.

“It’s better to wait, but this is different because this was the last climb of the race, and the race was really on,” said Armstrong, who is 31st overall, 40:31 behind Contador.

Voeckler collected his second Tour stage victory in as many years, winning solo in Perpignan last year. The BBox Bouygues Telecom rider held the yellow jersey for nine days in 2004, until Armstrong took it from him.

With two more tough Pyrenean stages and a time trial still on tap, Schleck and Contador said they didn’t think Monday’s 39-second turnaround will affect who wears yellow home.

Tuesday’s 16th stage, the third day in the Pyrenees, is one of the toughest this year — taking the riders 124 miles from Bagneres-de-Luchon to Pau. The course goes over the major climbs of the Col de Peyresourde, Col d’Aspin and Col d’Aubisque, but the highlight will be the first of two crossings of the legendary Col du Tourmalet.

Schleck vowed Monday’s episode would become a big motivator. “I’ve got fire in my belly,” Schleck said. “The race is not finished, and I will take my revenge in the next days.” □

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ORANJESTAD – Dutch Soccer superstars Arjen Robben, Dirk Kuyt, Mark van Bommel and Andre Ooijer gladly accepted an invitation from Aruba's Prime Minister to come to the island and relax after their winning streak that ended in the FIFA Soccer World Cup Sub Champion title in South Africa on Sunday, July 11 for the team of The Netherlands.

The athletes and their families have been enjoying the island's hospitality for a few days now and the Dutch team members will be hosting a meet and greet event today at 6 p.m. at Café de Plaza at Renaissance Marketplace in Oranjestad together with the Aruba Tourism Authority and Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman's Government.

The Government of Aruba will also be presenting the Ambassador of Goodwill title to two of the athletes who have enjoyed previous vacations on the island and have returned now to relax from the World Cup.

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Aruba Marine Park & "Blue Flag" rating

ORANJESTAD - Blue Flag program is an international award issued to countries that have met the strict requirements set forth by the certifying organization. This certification acts as a guarantee to tourists that a beach or marina they are visiting is one of the best in the world.

It is awarded to coastal destinations which have achieved the highest quality in water, facilities, safety, environmental education and management. Every year a number of beaches and marinas gain this Blue Flag status and the program is monitored constantly. The Blue Flag program originates from the United Kingdom and is managed internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). Blue Flag is one of five environmental education programs run internationally by FEE and also includes the Eco-Schools program. The Blue Flag program works towards sustainable

development at beaches and marinas through strict criteria dealing with water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, and safety and other services.

The Blue Flag program is an evaluation tool and it sets standards for the local government and agencies, which can be used to improve and promote the local tourism product.

Under the program there are several criteria and for the beach for instance, the information about the Blue Flag program must be displayed, environmental education activities must be offered and promoted to beach users, information about the swimming water quality must be displayed, information relating to local eco-systems and environmental programs must be displayed including a map of the beach indicating different facilities and a code of conduct that reflects appropriate laws governing the use of the beach and

surrounding areas. Regarding the water quality, no industrial, waste water or sewage discharges should affect the water and beach areas. The water must meet international sampling and quality analysis including microbiological, fecal colibacteria and intestinal enterococci / streptococci and chemical parameters.

For the environmental aspects of Blue Flag there should be a local beach management committee and follow compliance of all regulations affecting the location and operation of the beaches.

Beaches must be clean and algae vegetation or natural debris should be left on the beach. Waste or disposal containers must be available at the beach in adequate numbers and they must be regularly collected and maintained. Waste recycling is also one of the requirements. Each beach must have an adequate number of toilet or restroom facilities and must be kept clean and have controlled sewage disposal. Unauthorized



camping, driving on the beaches, garbage dumping must be controlled and access to the beach by dogs and other domestic animals must be strictly controlled. All buildings and beach equipment must be properly maintained as well as the coral reefs in the vicinity of the

beach and a sustainable means of transportation to access the beach must be in place. Lifeguards and lifesaving equipment must be available at the beach including first aid equipment and additional people trained in CPR and first aid.

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World Cup Soccer results make happy winners at CILO



ORANJESTAD - Although not much of the cheerful optimism remained for the fans of the Orange team of Holland after last week's final results of the World Cup Soccer, a few people were secretly very happy. Those were the ones who had won prizes in the stakes. Before the World Cup matches started, people could bet on the match results. At CILO City Lounge in the Renaissance Marketplace soccer fans

and employees did so with a vengeance. And there were winners!

Points could be assembled by guessing the right scores, the winners of the first rounds, the finalists and the champion. First prize was 75 percent of the stake, second was 25% and third was lunch for two at CILO. Rudmer van de Hoest had the best guesses, while Alfons Linders did amazingly well too: he

came second. Third place was for John Kamermans. Ardy Heutz got the consolation prize: French fries at Frieturtje in the Paseo Herencia mall.

The three weeks of World Cup mania were celebrated in great CILO-style and many regulars could be found during the matches, watching the big screen and the small tv's inside as well as outside the marina restaurant. □



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"Wear something orange," organizers advise, as orange is the trademark color of the Dutch team. Orange is symbolic for the Royal House of Oranje van Nassau, which rules the Dutch Kingdom



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including motherland The Netherlands, Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles. Everyone is invited, Minister of Tourism Otmar

Oduber stated in a press conference Monday, and he encouraged fans of all ages to bring their souvenirs to have them autographed.

Naturally there will also be an opportunity for fans to take pictures with the world class athletes, the minister said. □



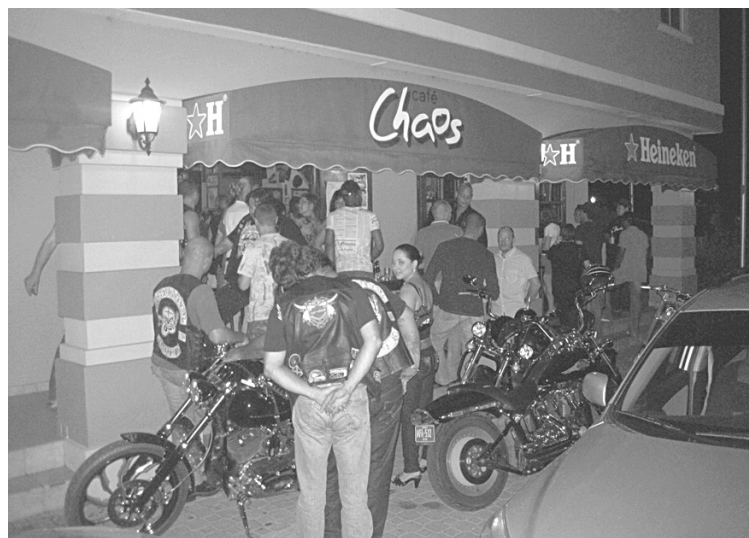
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Café Chaos hosts Antonio Bello blast from the past



ORANJESTAD — Last Saturday Night, Café Chaos kept Oranjestad alive with the great sounds of the Antonio BELLO Blues Band. The most incredible part of the evening is he continued to pull great talent out of the audience to play with him throughout the evening. Antonio's all star band included Hilward Croes on keyboard, Rene Kannegieter lead vocal, Michael Bremo on drums,

and Jose on bass with special performances from Ernesto Ferro on guitar, Mirugia de Cuba on vocals, Kevin Kock on guitar, Mario Chow on guitar, and Eduardo Valbuena Oduber. The evening was a memorable night. Antonio Bello was born in San Antonio de los Altos, Edo. Miranda, Venezuela in 1970. He started to play guitar in the early 80's under the influence of heavy metal and hard rock.

At the same time, he began to study classical guitar and music theory. At the end of the 80's he formed his first original rock band called "Fuerza Sublime" (1990-1992) composing his own music in the neoclassic rock style. In 1993 he began to play with well-known cover-bands such as "Tres en Uno" (1993, 1994), Express (1995-1997) with Alexis Peña (ex-Tempano Poster, Resistencia) " and "Pretexto's" (1997-1999), Midnigh Blues (1998), Soto Blues Band(1999) in Caracas and other cities of Venezuela. His music has changed and shows the different phases of his musical life: rock, blues, jazz and fusion. He realized several projects of jazz and fusion with keyboard player Hector DiDonna. Studied jazz guitar with Gonzalo Mico (1995-1997). Now, he incorporates rock and jazz elements with a special



Aruba Marine Park & "Blue Flag" rating

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Plans to deal with pollution risks must be in place and management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents including safety measures in place to protect users of the beach access and facilities provided for the physically disabled.

With the implementation of the Aruba Marine Park the Blue Flag program will be implemented under the umbrella of the marine park and the marine park will be responsible to ensure that the standards of the program are maintained. The application for the Blue Flag program began roughly

two years back and needs the approval of the local government. Unfortunately the official application for the program has not been submitted yet and the last deadline for the application is September 1st 2010. Missing this deadline would disqualify Aruba for at least the next two years before another application process can be started again. A lot of money has been invested already in the Blue Flag certification with the remodeling of Arashi beach and Baby beach. Implementation of the Aruba Marine Park can only fortify the Blue Flag program and give it validity and that is why the government of Aruba has to get involved now. □



preference to blues. He's been invited to take part of blues and jazz festivals in Caracas. In 1999 he moved to Aruba. In the last seven years since 1999, he has played in Aruba with "Crystal Breeze Band" and "The 4 of Us unplugged band" In 2008 was playing in a regularly with different bands in Aruba's music scene. Antonio Bello, now is professional musician fulltime,

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Stellaris Casino congratulates Mr. Lionel Bikker with his brand new Kia Soul 2010! More information on Aruba's largest casino and events can be found on www.stellariscasino.com. For the most recent updates and happenings in this casino, become a fan of Stellaris Casino on Facebook.



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Your Spirit Thinks Its Fun

I know how real this all feels, I'm in a physical body too. I am vulnerable to the grip of inescapable emotion just as we all are, and I have learned through experience that one way to dispel extreme emotion is to think of your Spirit's perspective of your life.

Physical life is all fun and games, from our Spirit's point of view. The problem is that our Awareness is limited to the physical. We are slaves to the hormones and emotions of the physical

body, which are controlled by the body's physical surroundings. Spirit sees that positive and negative are an illusion, and are not subject to the forces of emotion and logic. To your spirit, there is no limit to the Infinite Thrill Ride of the three dimensional realm.

Expressing through a Human body is such a unique experience, there is no way your spirit wants to leave early. Shortcuts to Enlightenment miss the entire point of this physical

school of life. We are here to experience this Ride for everything its worth. The entire point of being in three dimensions is to experience it. We didn't come here to finish early. It takes an infinitely powerful force to stuff a Spirit Fragment into a three dimensional body. Now that we're here, our only obligation is to play life out to the fullest extent of our passion.

Taking life seriously is the reason we're in three dimensions. The physical classroom of life works because we think it's real. The three dimensional illusion falls apart when we stop taking it seriously. The instant we realize its not real, we see through it and release our emotions from the three dimensional stranglehold that presently controls us.

Here's another paradox. Our task in the physical is to take physical life seriously, to be passionate about the pursuit, but learning to NOT take life so seriously is one of Life's main lessons. We can take it seriously as physical creatures, while remembering our

spirit's perspective beyond separation. When you're overcome by emotion, think of the Thrill Ride your Spirit is experiencing. This will help balance your outlook on daily events that entice your emotions. You will be able to take life seriously, while releasing your illusion of control.

The Spirit acting through your physical body is a Fragment of Unity that represents your personal energetic expression. Your Spirit knows that all people are from the same Unity, it knows that Separation is an illusion.

The physical body that allows your Spirit to express in three dimensions thinks that Separation is real. Separation is the only reality that the physical body knows, and it is the only reality Humanity is aware of.

The next time emotion grips you, think of your Spirit's perspective. Remember that the aspect of yourself beyond Separation is having a fantastic time in the physical realm, relishing every infinite moment while releasing it and allowing it

to transform into the next.

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~Quentin Danziger


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Water sport safety & regulations in Aruba

difficult to achieve because most companies are locally registered companies and financially they may not be worth going after. This does not justify it, but in most cases unless the company is for instance a U.S. registered company operating on Aruba, it can be difficult to seek legal action locally, although not impossible. For many years no rules, no regulations and no standard of practices have been tolerated. This has been partially due to lack of enforcement and partially because the water sport industry was neglected

and it became a free for all. This doesn't mean that all water sport operators in Aruba are the same. There are many reputable operators and in particular the scuba diving industry has a fairly good reputation. The scuba diving accident cases in Aruba have been proven to be usually due to myocardial infarction while the person was engaging into the sport. This brings also an important issue, which is personal responsibility of the participant. Whether it's scuba diving or any other water sport activity it's the responsibility of the participant to ensure

that he or she is physically fit and able to engage into any of these activities, in particular if they are over the age of 45 or have known medical conditions. In case of scuba diving, since this can be a strenuous activity, it would be best if the participant can do a physical and get a medical clearance prior to coming to Aruba. Getting on a tube or banana boat ride has its risks and even young people have been injured on these rides.

There for the best thing to do would be to use good judgment. Nonetheless, the injuries and accidents are inexcusable and starting the third quarter of 2010 this is going to change. Dive and snorkel sites are being overrun by charter boats, tour operators and while divers are under water and snorkelers are on the surface, semi-submarine and glass bottom boats are cruising over the same site.

The site Antilla in particular is known to get congested. For to many years things have been tolerated and the consequences are these accidents. Some companies don't even pay their annual chamber of commerce fees but are allowed to continue to operate. In September 2009 all water sport operators got their "permit" during the same week. No guidelines or operational standards were looked at. Now if you can't or won't even pay your annual chamber of commerce dues, this shows that as a company you're lack professionalism and you don't need to be offering these types of services to the public because you can't maintain yourself to the simplest of regulations in order to operate a water sports company. Water sport companies and any other company engaging in the tourism industry for that matter, must be subjected to random drug testing for their employees by outside agencies.

Companies or people in the

tourism sector will lose their permits, license or business if they sell or aid people in getting illegal drugs. This is a zero tolerance attitude, which will help to clean up the industry and show the world that this is serious business and in order to meet a permit re-application every year these regulations must be in place. On the other hand, any tourist who wishes to buy illegal drugs will face serious jail time when caught, because there is a supply in order to meet the demand. The minister of tourism has implemented a task group in order to work on several tourism areas in general, but the management of water sport companies in particular will have to meet



new regulations and the enforcement will come from the department of justice, shipping and maritime affairs and the soon to be implemented Aruba Marine Park.

Safety regulations, equipment requirements, insurance, operating speed, designated water sport activities zones, guidelines for water sport activities, permit requirements and moratorium

on water sport companies are just a few of the things that will be looked at. The new regulations will also include the management of the public beaches, which will include the certification for the international "Blue Flag" rating, use and guidelines for palapas, beach construction and improvement of the public beaches. Currently there are many activities that are taking place on the public

beaches and waters around Aruba and things have gotten out of hand over the past couple of years, which has led to negative impacts in the water sport industry, tourism sector and beaches. Some may object to the upcoming changes but the management of water sport companies and the beaches must be regulated if Aruba wants to really improve their tourism product. □



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With Back 2 School projects, elderly parties and the christmas baskets of this year

“Fundacion pa nos Comunidad” (FPNC) offers help to organizations



ORANJESTAD-Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (FPNC) is currently working together with all districts of Social Affairs (DSZ), several churches, and other community initiatives to provide weekly food hampers, clothing, and furniture to those in the greatest need on the island. Every week a number of 80 families (±300 people) are being supported. The synergy of working together with these groups has

proved to be an effective way to utilize funding and manpower to ensure needs are met in a timely and ongoing basis. With this in mind, FPNC would like to reach-out and offer their assistance, to other recognized community organizations, with Back 2 School projects, parties and activities for the Elderly, and preparing Christmas baskets for those in need. Every year countless numbers of companies,

organizations, and service clubs organize activities to help children from less fortunate families get ready to go back to school; they ensure children are properly dressed, have the necessary school items, and in some cases even help with the tuition to pay for that year's education.

There are also many organizations dedicated to helping the elderly live happy and fulfilled lives through various activities,

outings, and parties. And, then there are the numerous groups involved in ensuring those individuals and families that cannot afford the extra financial burden that the holidays bring are able to 'participate' in Christmas through various holiday Christmas basket programs.

After talking to a number of the organizations involved in the above mentioned activities FPNC realizes that it can work hand-in-hand to help ensure that the maximum number of people can be reached and helped. Through mutual cooperation this will be accomplished through bulk purchasing thereby

cutting the costs involved in purchasing goods and services, and increasing the availability of volunteer help. An example of this is purchasing the items for 'Christmas baskets'. When organizations work together to bulk purchase the cost of the items is lower than when individuals try and purchase on their own, which means that organizations can get make more baskets for the same amount of money, and therefore help more families. Organizations can then help prepare the baskets on site with their staff and volunteers and if they wish they can add a personal touch, such as a special card. □

More than just the best pizza on the island...

Casa Tua's highlight of the day: Ossobuco that melts in your mouth

PALM BEACH - Located on Palm Beach in the Arawak Gardens, Casa Tua presents a fresh under-the-stars approach to dining in Aruba. The outdoor atmosphere is cool and relaxed; the name says it all "Casa Tua" meaning "Your Home" in Italian.

The menu varies with a wide array of Italian dishes including a Sicilian-style thin crust pizza dripping with cheese, fresh-made tomato sauce and a variety of toppings in the meat, seafood and veggie categories.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT of the menu is the *Ossobuco di Vitello con Tagliatelle* which is a mouth watering Veal Ossobuco (shank) stewed with red wine, parsley, Rosemary, oregano, onions and lemon juice served with the most unique Tagliatelle. After the first bite, patrons are seen pinching themselves to see if they are dreaming or actually taking a true bite of seventh heaven.

The menu doesn't stop there as Casa Tua features incredible appetizers including shrimp



bruschetta, fresh marinated seafood, escargots, amazing salads, homemade soups starting at \$8 and authentic Italian lasagnas & pastas starting at just \$13. The staff at this popular eatery has set the standard on the island for the term "great service" not only with your dining pleasure, but recognized as 'the' professionals in assisting guests with the perfect cocktail, paired wine or other beverages.

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AIDS breakthrough: Gel helps prevent infection

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,
AP Medical Writer

For the first time, a vaginal gel has proved capable of blocking the AIDS virus: It cut in half a woman's chances of getting HIV from an infected partner in a study in South Africa. Scientists called it a breakthrough in the long quest for a tool to help women whose partners won't use condoms. The results need to be confirmed in another study, and that level of protection is probably not enough to win approval of the microbicide gel in countries like the United States, researchers say. But they are optimistic it can be improved.

"We are giving hope to women," who account for most new HIV infections, said Michel Sidibe in a statement. He is executive director of the World Health Organization's UNAIDS program. A gel could "help us break the trajectory of the AIDS epidemic," he said. And Dr. Anthony Fauci of the U.S. National Institutes of Health said, "It's the first time we've ever seen any microbicide give a positive result" that scientists agree is true evidence of protection. The gel, spiked with the AIDS drug tenofovir, cut the risk of HIV infection by 50 percent after one year of use and 39 percent after 2 1/2 years, compared to a gel that contained no medicine.

To be licensed in the U.S., a gel or cream to prevent HIV infection may need to be at least 80 percent effective, Fauci said. That might be achieved by adding more tenofovir or getting women to use it more consistently. In the study, women used the gel only 60 percent of the time; those who used it more often had higher rates of protection. The gel also cut in half the chances of getting HSV-2,

the herpes virus that causes genital warts. That's important because other sexually spread diseases raise the risk of catching HIV.

Even partial protection is a huge victory that could be a boon not just in poor countries but for couples anywhere when one partner has HIV and the other does not, said Dr. Salim Abdool Karim, the South African researcher who led the study. In the U.S., nearly a third of new infections each year are among heterosexuals, he noted.

Countries may come to different decisions about whether a gel that offers this amount of protection should be licensed. In South Africa, where one in three girls is infected with HIV by age 20, this gel could prevent 1.3 million infections and 826,000 deaths over the next two decades, he calculated.

He will present results of the study Tuesday at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna. The research was published online Monday by the journal Science.

"We now have a product that potentially can alter the epidemic trends ... and save millions of lives," said Dr. Quarraisha Abdool Karim, the lead researcher's wife and associate director of the South African program that led the testing.

It's the second big advance in less than a year on the prevention front. Last fall, scientists reported that an experimental vaccine cut the risk of HIV infection by about 30 percent. Research is under way to try to improve it.

If further study shows the gel to be safe and effective, WHO will work to speed access to it, said its director-general, Dr. Margaret Chan.

The gel is in limited supply; it's not a commercial product, and was made for this and

another ongoing study from drug donated by California-based Gilead Sciences Inc., which sells tenofovir in pill form as Viread. If further study proves the gel effective, a full-scale production system would need to be geared up to make it.

The study tested the gel in 889 heterosexual women in and near Durban, South Africa. Researchers had no information on the women's partners, but the women were heterosexual and, in general, not in a high-risk group, such as prostitutes.

Half of the women were given the microbicide and the others, a dummy gel. Women were told to use it 12 hours before sex and as soon as possible within 12 hours afterward.

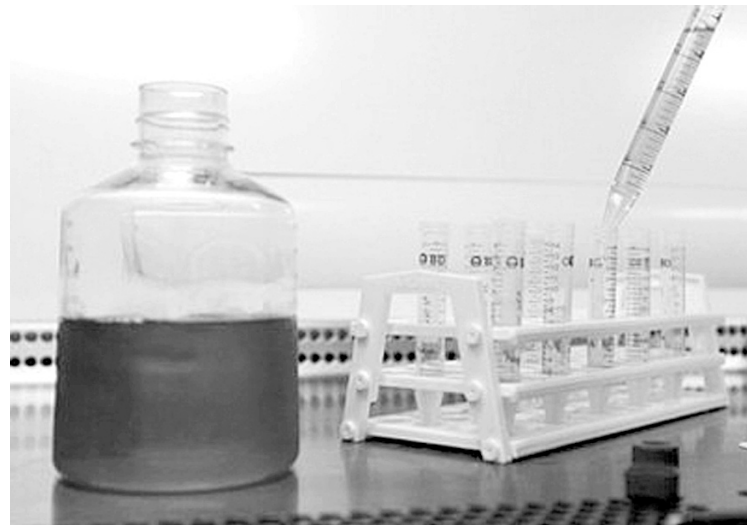
At the study's end, there were 38 HIV infections among the microbicide group versus 60 in the others.

The gel seemed safe — only mild diarrhea was slightly more common among those using it. Surveys showed that the vast majority of women found it easy to use and said their partners didn't mind it. And 99 percent of the women said they would use the gel if they knew for sure that it prevented HIV.

This shows that new studies testing the gel's effectiveness without a placebo group should immediately be launched, said Salim Abdool Karim. The only other study testing the gel now compares it to placebo and will take a couple more years to complete.

The study was sponsored by the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa, or CAPRISA; Family Health International; CONRAD, an AIDS research effort based at Eastern Virginia Medical School; and the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID.

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Researcher at International AIDS Vaccine Initiative ...

A researcher at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative laboratory works on samples at the lab in May in New York. The UN's World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued the first overhaul of its guidelines on HIV drugs in four years, saying the therapy now saving more than five million lives should be initiated at an earlier stage of infection.

(AFP/Getty Images/File/Chris Hondros)

to produce the gel, royalty-free, to CONRAD and the International Partnership on Microbicides for the 95 poorest countries in the world, said Dr. Howard Jaffe, president of the Gilead Foundation, the company's philanthropic arm. The biggest cost of the gel is the plastic applicator — about 32 cents, which hopefully would be lower when mass-

produced, researchers said. Mitchell Warren, head of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, a nonprofit group that works on HIV prevention tools, said the study shows a preventive gel is possible.

"We can now say with great certainty that the concept has been proved. And that in itself is a day for celebration," he said. □

KNOWLEDGE

Knowing how HIV is transmitted is one way of protecting yourself. Hurting someone's feelings will not protect you.

Acts of human kindness towards persons living with HIV or AIDS could make a big difference in their lives.

Climate scientist Stephen Schneider dead at 65

By JASON DEAREN,
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – Stephen Schneider, a Stanford University scientist who served on the international research panel on global warming that shared the 2007 Nobel Prize with former Vice President Al Gore, has died. He was 65. Schneider died of an apparent heart attack Monday while on a flight from Stockholm to London, Stanford officials said.

Schneider studied climate change for decades and wrote a number of books charting its effects on wildlife and ecosystems in the United States, and later chronicled its effect on the nation's politics and policy. He advised every presidential administration from Nixon to Obama.

"A prolific researcher and author, co-founder of the journal Climatic Change, and a wonderful communicator, his contributions to the advancement of climate science will be sorely missed," Gore said in a statement.

Schneider was an influential, and at times combative, public voice in arguing the manmade causes of climate change, and appeared on news and science television programs, wrote articles and blogged.

"Through his books, his extensive public speaking, and his many interactions with the media, Steve did for climate science what Carl Sagan did for astronomy," said Ben Santer, a climate researcher at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

As a co-author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports that earned a share of the Nobel, Schneider defended the panel's work when it came under attack from critics

after some unsettling errors were discovered, including how fast Himalayan glaciers are expected to melt.

The errors were made in a subsection of the world's most authoritative report on global warming, and were found to be insignificant to its overall findings that glaciers are melting faster than ever.

In 1992, he received a "genius grant" from the MacArthur Foundation for his research.

"Steve, more than anything, whether you agreed with him or not, forced us to confront this real possibility of climate change," Jeff Koseff, Schneider's colleague at Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment, said in a statement. Schneider also was a leader in research seeking to quantify future effects of climate change on various areas — from the insurance industry to farming — to help guide policy decisions, said Ralph Cicerone, president of the National Academy of Sciences.

"In recent years he was most interested in communicating with the general public, and the substance of his work was trying to qualify the odds and the probability of the outcomes of climate change," Cicerone said.

Schneider had also fought a rare form of leukemia, a battle he chronicled in a 2005 book, "The Patient from Hell." That fight helped put into context his work on climate change, helping him to see hope in often gloomy work. He is survived by his wife, Stanford University biologist Terry Root, with whom he jointly won the 2003 National Conservation Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending. □

Fight elephants with peppers, U.N. tells farmers

ABIDJAN (Reuters)—Farmers whose crops are raided by wild animals like elephants should try driving them away with pepper spray, using guard donkeys or booby trapping food with snakes, the U.N. said on Monday.

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) unveiled in a statement on its website a "toolkit" it suggests should be taught or handed out to farmers, particularly in Africa, to stop them killing wildlife.

Competition between wild animals and humans is major source of conflict, especially in Africa where growing human populations require ever more land for crops and livestock. Elephants and baboons hemmed in by dwindling wilderness can

devastate crops. Hungry lions can lay waste to cattle.

"With the world's population growing at some 75 million a year, humans and wildlife are having to squeeze ever more tightly together, increasing the risk of conflict," it said.

Angry farmers often kill elephants that ruin their crops, but FAO has another suggestion: chilli pepper.

A plastic gun that fires ping-pong balls full of chilli that bursts on an elephant's skin and will send it running for cover. Another method suggests setting fire to a chilli-based mixture so the smoke deters the elephant.

Kenyan donkeys, FAO notes, are aggressive in defending farm land against even animals a lot bigger than they are.

"Baboons which enter

buildings to steal food may be scared off by placing a snake, preferably alive, inside a hollowed-out loaf of bread," the FAO statement said. In Mozambique, where crocodiles kill 300 people a year, proper fencing at watering points could save lives. Hippos can be deterred at night by a bright torch shining at them.

"Whatever the specific measures taken, it is important that they are introduced soon," FAO Forestry and Wildlife Officer Rene Czudek said. "The alternative could be the ... loss of wildlife as we know it across much of Africa."

The report does however note there are risks attached: hippos and elephants are extremely aggressive and can charge, so a gun might be sensible back-up option. □



This is an undated handout photo issued Monday July 19, 2010 by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) of a Horton Plains slender loris, sitting on a forest branch in a mountain forest in central Sri Lanka. Researchers say they photographed the rare primate thought to have been extinct for more than 60 years in a forest in central Sri Lanka. The Zoological Society of London said in a statement on Monday that a Horton Plains slender loris with wide eyes and short limbs has been caught on camera by ZSL and Sri Lankan researchers after they surveyed forest patches for more than 200 hours, looking for signs of the primate.

(AP Photo)

Rare Sri Lankan primate gets 1st wide-eyed closeup

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GALLE, Sri Lanka – A nocturnal, forest-dwelling primate with orb-like eyes and short limbs was photographed in central Sri Lanka late last year after being feared extinct, researchers said Monday.

A Horton Plains slender loris was caught on camera after lengthy surveys of the forest by researchers from the Zoological Society of London, the University of Colombo and the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Team leader Saman Gamage said the mammal was not sighted for more than 60 years until in 2002 a researcher reported spotting its eyes during a search - inspiring the effort to view it fully and photograph it to prove the primate existed.

"We are thrilled to have captured the first ever photographs and prove its continued existence," said Craig Turner, a conservation biologist with the Zoological Society.

The primate's population is thought to have begun dwindling in the mountain forest habitat after British colonial rulers from the 19th century cleared large tracts of forest for coffee and tea plantations, Gamage said.

Logging, agriculture and development made it hard for the lorises to find food, escape threats or meet mates.

Turner, a conservation biologist at the Zoological Society of London, said only one or two sightings occurred between 1937 and 2002. Despite repeated attempts to find it, there were no sightings between 2002 and 2009.

"People, including ourselves, had begun to think: 'Yeah, maybe it has disappeared'," he said.

Given its size and nocturnal habits, the eight-inch (20-centimeter) beast was tough to find. But the giveaway was in its eerily large, night-vision eyes. Scientists combed the forest canopy with red-filtered flashlights - eventually catching sight of the loris.

"You get a very distinct red eyeshine reflecting from the loris," Turner told The Associated Press. "That's how we picked up on the initial presence of the species."

Turner said scientists were then able to briefly capture the primate, taking measurements and genetic material before releasing it back into the wild. He said the critter's orb-like peepers and gangly limbs made it an easy sell to the general population.

"It's a very appealing species," he said.

Gamage said more of the lorises are thought to live in small patches of forest in Sri Lanka's hill country. □

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Nokia Siemens to buy Motorola wireless gear unit



FILE - In this file photo made Jan. 9, 2010, the Motorola logo is seen at the company's exhibit at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Motorola Inc. said Monday, July 19, 2010, that it is selling most of its wireless network division to Nokia Siemens Networks, a Finnish-German joint venture, for \$1.2 billion as part of a planned breakup of the company.

By **PETER SVENSSON**,
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — The long-planned breakup of Motorola Inc., one of the founders of the U.S. electronics industry, came a step closer Monday with a deal to sell most of its wireless networks division. The deal to sell the division for \$1.2 billion to Nokia Siemens Networks, a Finnish-German joint venture, sets Motorola up to separate its cell phone manufacturing operations from the police radio business early next year, essentially dividing the 82-year-old company into three parts. The parts are aimed at different types of customers. The division that is being sold supplies wireless carriers such as Verizon Wireless and Sprint Nextel Corp. with the equipment they need to connect to cell phones. It's not a big player in an industry dominated by LM Ericsson AB and Alcatel-Lucent SA, but it does have valuable relationships with U.S. and Japanese carriers that Nokia Siemens hopes to exploit. Motorola co-CEO Greg Brown said the deal frees the police-radio and bar-code scanner division, which is leader in its field, from being associated with the networks division, which supplies mainly older-

generation equipment and has seen declining sales.

The networks division, which covers most of the business being sold to Nokia Siemens, had revenue of \$896 million in the first quarter, with 43 percent of it coming from Asia. Operating earnings were \$112 million.

Rajeev Suri, CEO of Nokia Siemens Networks, said no layoffs were planned. Motorola said about 7,500 employees will be transferred to Nokia Siemens. Of those, about 1,600 are based in Illinois (Motorola's headquarters in Schaumburg). The division also has large development centers in India and China.

Nokia Siemens is a joint venture between Finland's Nokia Corp. and Siemens AG of Germany. It's seen dwindling profits in recent years, worsened by the global economic downturn. The deal, expected to be completed by the end of the year, would improve profitability and "have significant upside potential," Nokia Siemens said. Motorola has planned for years to spin off the division that makes cell phones, but steep losses in the unit have forced it to postpone the move. The spin-off is now scheduled for the first quarter of next year.

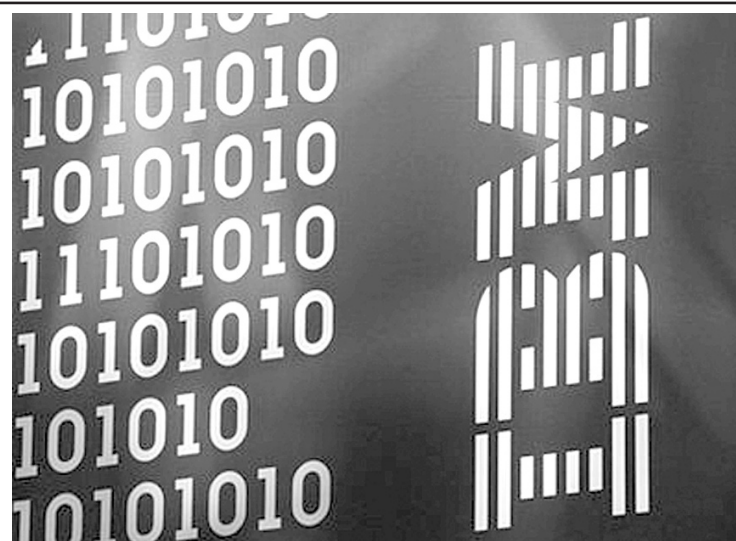
(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, file)

The handset division, to be called Motorola Mobility, would take with it the division that makes cable set-top boxes.

That would leave Motorola Solutions, the remainder, focused on government and commercial clients, with products such as police radios and bar-code scanners. It's also keeping one part of its wireless network portfolio: the division that makes iDEN equipment, used in the Nextel part of Sprint Nextel Corp.'s network. Motorola invented that technology and is the dominant supplier of equipment.

Its push-to-talk feature is appreciated by dispatchers and work crews, but has been overshadowed in the mainstream by other technologies that provide broadband data speeds.

The wireless division has had some success in the business of making equipment for broadband networks that use WiMax, but that technology looks set to be a niche at best. The major wireless carriers are planning to use a technology known as LTE, for Long-Term Evolution. Motorola hasn't secured any LTE contracts in the U.S., but has signed one with KDDI in Japan. □



FILE - In this file photo made Jan. 11, 2010, a sign for IBM is shown in New York. International Business Machines Corp. is expected to release second-quarter financial results Monday, July 19, 2010, after the market close.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file)

IBM ups 2010 forecast, but 2Q rev falls short

By **JORDAN ROBERTSON**,

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — IBM Corp. jacked up its 2010 guidance Monday on the technology company's belief that it can wring more profit from its workhorse services and software divisions.

The numbers dovetail with other encouraging signs about the health of the technology sector, but uncertainties about the stability of world markets have weighed on the results.

IBM's second-quarter profit topped Wall Street's forecasts, but revenue fell short. IBM shares fell nearly 4 percent in extended trading. IBM blamed the revenue discrepancy on currency fluctuations that many analysts didn't include in their estimates. IBM reported after the market closed that its net income jumped 9 percent to \$3.39 billion, or \$2.65 per share, in the period that ended June 30, topping analyst projections for \$2.58 per share. A year ago, IBM earned \$3.10 billion, or \$2.34 per share.

Revenue in the latest period rose 2 percent to \$23.7 billion, from \$23.3 billion. That was below the \$24.2 billion that analysts expected. IBM said currency changes hurt revenue by \$500 million in the quarter.

The company also reported a 12 percent decline in the value of services contracts signed during the quarter, to \$12.3 billion.

IBM raised its 2010 net income guidance to at least \$11.25 per share, an increase of a nickel per share. Yet even the boost might not be enough to please investors, as IBM consistently raises its guidance.

Investors are nursing fresh worries about the economy amid signs of sluggishness in the U.S. economy's improvement and fears about the euro and the ability of the governments of Greece, Portugal and Spain figure to repay perilously high debts.

IBM gets most of its revenue from outside the U.S., so strength in the dollar has hurt the company, since deals done in other currencies have translated into fewer greenbacks.

The economic worries have influenced Wall Street's reaction to the latest numbers from other technology heavyweights.

Last week Intel Corp. delivered its strongest quarter in the company's four-decade history, helped by surging demand for microprocessors for computer servers. The shares have barely budged. Google Inc.'s results leaped on momentum in Internet search advertising, and the company's hiring has accelerated. Google's stock has fallen, in part because of concerns about the weaker euro's effect on Google and the costs connected with hiring new workers. Shares of IBM, which is based in Armonk, N.Y., fell \$4.68, or 3.6 percent, to \$125.60 in extended trading. Earlier, it rose 1.4 percent, or \$1.76, to close the regular trading session at \$129.79. □

Disidentes cubanos se sienten “engañados” por España

MADRID (AP) - Los once disidentes cubanos llegados la semana pasada a Madrid dijeron sentirse “engañados” por el gobierno español, al cual acusaron el lunes de no cumplir sus compromisos.

Julio César Gálvez, uno de los ex presos liberados en virtud del acuerdo entre el gobierno y la Iglesia Católica cubana, manifestó que han dejado de recibir asesoramiento legal de las autoridades y que siguen sin tener claro su futuro.

“Habíamos firmado delante de un funcionario de la embajada española en La Habana unos compromisos”, dijo Gálvez en una rueda de prensa en el hotel de Madrid donde están alojados los disidentes junto a sus familias, unas 70 personas en total. “El asesoramiento legal es lo primero que hemos dejado de recibir”.

El gobierno español declinó responder el lunes a las quejas de los ex prisioneros cubanos y se remitió a las declaraciones del canciller Miguel Angel Moratinos, quien pidió comprensión al grupo liberado. “No pido gratitud pero un poco de comprensión por parte de todos aquellos que han recibido el compromiso de este gobierno y toda la sociedad española de ayudarles en esta nueva etapa”, dijo Moratinos el pasado fin de semana.

Tres organizaciones sociales se encargan de la manutención,

el alojamiento y la búsqueda de empleo del grupo hasta que se resuelva su situación legal en España. En principio, el gobierno español dijo que se les concederían permisos de trabajo y residencia, pero no el estatus de refugiados políticos, una condición que algunos disidentes tenían previsto reclamar.

A la espera de que se resuelvan los trámites legales, viven en un hotel del extrarradio de la capital española, en el corazón de un barrio obrero sin comercios ni tiendas alrededor.

A algunos de los disidentes se les ha ofrecido la posibilidad de desplazarse a otra ciudad española, pero la mayoría prefiere permanecer en Madrid. Otros han expresado su deseo de salir a Estados Unidos, donde tienen familiares residiendo en Miami.

Por otro lado, Gálvez leyó una declaración conjunta de los 11 liberados en la que expresan su rechazo a la modificación de la llamada Posición Común de la UE, que defiende España. Esta política, vigente desde 1996, condiciona las relaciones plenas entre Bruselas y La Habana a cambios en el sistema comunista de la isla.

“El gobierno cubano no ha dado pasos que evidencien una clara decisión de avanzar hacia la democratización de nuestro país”, afirmaron. “Nuestra salida a España no debe ser

Jefe ONU espera mayores libertades en Cuba

GINEBRA (Reuters) - El Gobierno cubano debería acompañar la liberación de 11 presos políticos que viajaron este mes a España con mayores avances en derechos humanos, dijo el lunes el secretario general de Naciones Unidas, Ban Ki-moon. La excarcelación de los 11 disidentes, parte de un acuerdo entre el Gobierno comunista de Cuba y la Iglesia Católica para sacar de prisión a un total de 52 opositores, fue alentadora, dijo Ban a periodistas durante una breve visita a Ginebra. “Por supuesto esperamos que las autoridades cubanas tomen más medidas conciliatorias, estableciendo el estado de derecho y respetando los derechos humanos”, dijo.

“Ese es un principio fundamental de la Carta de Naciones Unidas. Eso es lo que yo alentaría”, añadió el jefe de la ONU. Ban discutió la semana pasada las liberaciones de disidentes cubanos con el ministro español de Asuntos Exteriores, Miguel Angel Moratinos, involucrado en las negociaciones entre Cuba y la Iglesia. □



Omar Rodríguez, centro a la izquierda, muestra una pequeña bandera cubana con un recorte del periódico Granma, mientras posa con otros cinco de los nueve expatriados cubanos que fueron puestos en libertad en Cuba, acompañados de cinco integrantes de la organización de Damas de Blanco durante una conferencia de prensa el jueves 15 de julio de 2010, en Madrid. (Foto AP/Paul White)

considerado un gesto de buena voluntad, sino como una acción desesperada del régimen en la búsqueda urgente de créditos de todo tipo”.

En ese sentido, el secretario general de la ONU, Ban Ki-moon, saludó el lunes las liberaciones, pero pidió un mayor compromiso con los derechos humanos al gobierno de Raúl Castro. Los 11 disidentes son parte de los 52 presos del llamado “Grupo de los 75”, arrestados en 2003, que Cuba

se comprometió a liberar en el plazo de tres o cuatro meses en virtud del acuerdo entre las autoridades de La Habana y la Iglesia Católica de la isla.

El gobierno español, como acompañante del diálogo, se ofreció a acoger a los presos que desearan salir de Cuba. La cancillería informó el lunes que un nuevo grupo de ocho disidentes, y no nueve como anunció Moratinos en un principio, aterrizará el martes en Madrid acompañado de

unos 35 familiares. El gobierno informó que los liberados serán: Manuel Ubals González, Ricardo Enrique Silva Gual, Alfredo Manuel Pulido López, Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez, Jorge Luis González Tanquero, José Ubaldo Izquierdo Hernández, Arturo Pérez de Alejo Rodríguez y Antonio Ramón Díaz Sánchez. Con esta nueva llegada, serían 19 los disidentes liberados llegados a España junto con sus familias, casi 100 personas en total. □

Ecuador envía nuevo pedido de información a Colombia

QUITO (AP) - Ecuador informó que envió un nuevo requerimiento de información a Colombia sobre el presunto espionaje telefónico al presidente Rafael Correa y altos funcionarios civiles y militares.

El canciller Ricardo Patiño dijo el lunes en declaraciones a la red de televisión Ecuavisa que la nueva petición fue enviada recientemente al gobierno colombiano “diciéndole que insistimos en (conocer) la información sobre aquellos presuntos espionajes”.

El diario ecuatoriano El Universo publicó a finales de junio que fuentes anónimas del Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad colombiano (DAS) revelaron la realización

de escuchas telefónicas y espionaje a Correa, altas autoridades del gobierno, militares, diplomáticos y empresarios ecuatorianos. El gobierno colombiano negó el espionaje y Ecuador aceptó las explicaciones, sin embargo, la denuncia está siendo investigada por la fiscalía, la policía y otros organismos ecuatorianos.

Consultado sobre el restablecimiento pleno de las relaciones diplomáticas con Colombia, Patiño informó se iniciarán conversaciones con el nuevo gobierno colombiano del Juan Manuel Santos, que asumirá el 7 de agosto. “Vamos a poner todos nuestros esfuerzos para lograr efectivamente el restablecimiento”, señaló. □



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